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Students celebrate as they buck the trend

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Paramedic loses job after death of patient

A PARAMEDIC has been sacked after a man died on the doorstep of Walsall Manor Hospital amid claims nobody did anything to help him.

Action has been taken against four West Midlands Ambulance Service workers following an investigation into Carl Cope's death.

Mr Cope, aged 47, of Bloxwich, was admitted to the Pleck Road hospital with chest pains on June 23.

He later collapsed and died when he momentarily stepped outside the hospital building later that day.

It is alleged medical staff initially ignored Mr Cope, of Parker Street, after he keeled over, while passers-by were also accused of taking photographs of him on their mobile phones.

An investigation was launched and four ambulance staff were suspended.

It has now emerged following disciplinary panels, one paramedic has been dismissed, while another resigned from his role before the probe ended.

An emergency medical technician and an emergency care assistant have both been given final written warnings.

West Midlands Ambulance spokesman John Hawker said: "It should be noted that all disciplinary action that has taken place is still subject to appeal."

"The trust will do everything necessary to maintain the high standards of care that our staff and the organisation provide to patients."

Walsall Manor Hospital is still conducting its own investigation, along with West Midlands Police.

School set to be academy

ONE of Walsall's biggest secondary schools is poised to reopen as an academy on September 1. Alumwell Business and Enterprise College will become the West Walsall E-ACT Academy, subject to a Government-funding agreement.

It will join a number of borough schools opting out of local authority control.

JUSTICE HAS BEEN DONE, SAYS FAMILY

By Lisa O'Brien

THE family of a father who was killed when his scorned wife set fire to their Walsall home said justice has been done after she was jailed for life.

Georgina Vilella poured petrol over Carlos and sparked the blaze in Pleck Road while four of her step daughters also slept inside. She was convicted of murder following a three week trial at Wolverhampton Crown Court and will serve a minimum of 23 years.

She was also given a 10 year concurrent sentence for arson with intent to endanger life. In a statement Mr Vilella's family said they were looking to move forward after the 47 year-old killer was convicted for the offence on March 28 last year.

His cousin Elsa Pontes Betu said: "We are pleased that justice has been done for our much missed father Carlos and for all the people that Georgina put at risk by her actions."

"However, we do forgive Georgina for what she did and we are now looking forward to moving on with our lives to a positive future."

The jury was told Vilella had bought a petrol container and filled it with about five litres of petrol, then poured some of it over her 45 year-old husband, or near to him, and ignited it.

The fire killed the father-of-six while one of his daughters, who was 14 at the time, suffered "catastrophic" injuries.

She suffered 60 per cent burns, had to have her left hand and both legs amputated below the knee and was only recently discharged from Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Another daughter suffered a broken leg and pelvis after having to launch herself from the window to flee the flames.

Found

The jury was told Vilella, originally from Guinea-Bissau, had bought a petrol container and filled it with about five litres of petrol, then poured some of it over her husband, or near to him, and ignited it.

They were told she found out her husband had fathered a love child.

Vilella said she had planned to take her own life, but went into the bedroom with a bowl of petrol and a flaming newspaper as she wanted to put a bit on his hand first so he could feel her pain.

She claimed the bowl slipped from her hand and sparked the blaze.

Speaking after the case Det Sgt Rob Bastin, from the major investigation review team, said: "This was a horrific case, in



Georgina Vilella - guilty of murder



Carlos Vilella - died in house fire

which Vilella acted in a cold and calculating way.

"We have evidence of her buying petrol from a garage a couple of days before the murder."

"This was a premeditated act, which left six daughters without a father and at least one of those girls with life changing injuries."

Coast to coast charity challenge

TWO friends are putting their best foot forward for charity as they prepare for a 200-mile trek.

Chris Gilbert and Paul Kempton are setting out on the coast to coast Alfred Wainwright Walk from St Bees in Cumbria to Robin Hood Bay, in North Yorkshire, on September 1.

The pair hope to complete the challenge in 14 days and raise £1,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Father-of-two Mr Gilbert, of Stafford Road, Darlaston, turned 50 last month and said he wanted to mark the milestone with an achievement.

Lucky

His choice of charity was inspired by his father, Fred, who was diagnosed with lung cancer two years ago aged 75 but has beaten the disease.

"He's a lucky man, they caught it at the right time," the health and safety officer said.

Self-employed courier Mr Kempton now lives in Bristol but used to live in Darlaston.

Both men are in training and the 29-year-old says he and Mr Gilbert go "way back".



Paul Kempton and Chris Gilbert get set for their Coast to Coast walk for Macmillan Cancer Support

Shoe shop will move into centre of borough

SHOE retailer Deichmann is opening a store in Walsall's main shopping street, creating jobs.

It is taking over an empty unit in Park Street in a move welcomed by council chiefs, following a recent trend for big-name stores to quit the high street and head to the Crown Wharf Shopping Park.

Topshop closed its Park Street branch last year to move to the Crown Wharf and River Island is poised to follow.

But German brand Deichmann has announced it is moving into a 5,500 sq ft unit. Bosses have their sights set on a November opening date but it is not clear how many new jobs will be created.

Council leader Mike Bird said: "It is a good high street name and I think that will attract more high street names to Walsall."

"Hopefully with names like Deichmann it will see a surge in interest."

It comes after Deichmann was announced as one of three new retailers to sign up to West Bromwich's £200 million New Square development.

The news comes after it was revealed work on a new Primark store, part of the multi-million pound redevelopment of Walsall's Old Square Shopping Centre, has been delayed until the new year.

Homes plan with council

A HOUSING estate with more than 50 homes is planned for the outskirts of Walsall town centre.

The mix of flats and houses have been earmarked for the William Kendrick & Sons Ltd site in redevelopment proposals.

The construction firm is due to vacate the site and an application has been lodged with Walsall Council for 26 one and two-bedroom flats and 31 two, three and four-bedroom houses at Tasker Street, Meadow Street and Corporation Street West.

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Immigrant jailed over cannabis factory

AN ILLEGAL immigrant who ran a cannabis factory worth almost £24,000 at a house in Walsall has been given a 15-month prison sentence and told he will be deported.

Lam Nguyen, from Vietnam, was found with the 95 cannabis plants at an address in School Street, Darlaston, by police on June 7.

Police officers, who were in the area over an unrelated matter became aware of a strong smell of

cannabis, which, in turn prompted them to search the property, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard last week.

Mr Mark Rees, prosecuting, said the plants were found in a loft space and were not far from maturity.

The plants and equipment used to grow the class B drug were seized.

Mr Rees said: "The defendant, who was alone in the property, was arrested and interviewed. He gave a

full account to the police. He said that he had planted two inch tall seedlings, that he had been there for two months, that he had put in the light bulbs and said that he had grown it to smoke himself."

Nguyen, aged 23, of no fixed abode, pleaded guilty to producing cannabis at a previous hearing.

Mr Marcus Kraehling-Smith, mitigating, said Nguyen had come into the country illegally, in the back of a

lorry, from Vietnam and he owed someone £15,000 for the privilege. "It was the people who transported him he says put him in the house to farm the cannabis," he said.

Judge John Warner gave him a 15-month prison sentence and said he would then be deported back to Vietnam. He said Nguyen had been exploited but it was a serious offence. He ordered the destruction of the drugs and equipment.

Jobless figures see drop in town

UNEMPLOYMENT in Walsall is continuing to fall, as businesses expand and new investment comes into the town, figures have revealed.

The number of people on jobseeker's allowance has dropped by 34 to 10,435, which is 6.6 per cent of the population.

The news comes as employment opportunities are created, including the opening of the £10 million Premier Inn hotel at Walsall Waterfront this autumn, creating 65 jobs.

Walsall Council has also launched the £2m Walsall Works apprenticeships.

New national figures last week showed that unemployment has fallen to its lowest level for a year.

The total fell by 46,000 in the quarter to June to 2.56million – an unemployment rate of eight per cent.

Council leader Mike Bird welcomed the news, saying: "It is positive to see unemployment come down and we are doing our bit through our apprentice scheme."

"Some businesses have benefited from contracts from the Olympics."

"We have still got a long way to go but hopefully the message will get through to people we are working hard."

Apartments decision due

REVISED plans for apartments in Bloxwich are poised to get permission from council planners.

An application for 23 retirement flats and seven four-bedroom properties have been submitted to Walsall Council.

The scheme including a mix of one and two bedroom flats has been lodged for a site in Sunningdale Way. No objections are lodged.

Weekly walking gets under way

A NEW weekly walk will launch from a community centre for the over 50s in Walsall later this month.

The walk will start on August 29 and people should meet at 9am for a 9.15am start from Stan Ball Centre, in Abbots Street, Bloxwich. The walk will last around 30 minutes.

FEWER than half the parking spaces at council-owned car parks in Walsall are being filled as motorists snub town centre bays, figures have shown.

An average of 48 per cent of spaces are being occupied as shoppers refuse to pay charges imposed by the cash-strapped authority.

Claim food still eaten by visitors to hospital

VISITORS to Walsall Manor Hospital are continuing to eat food meant for patients, it has been claimed.

It comes after bosses there vowed to tackle the issue at the Moat Road hospital.

But fresh concerns have been raised over the issue, with calls for tighter regulations to be put in place.

The matter had been discussed by Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust board when hospital chiefs said they had changed visitor hours in a bid to curb the problem.

But Susie Stroud, of Herberts Park Road, Darlaston, was visiting a relative last week and saw visitors helping themselves to food.

"I witnessed just this week relatives hanging around at suppertime on the ward and then surreptitiously scoffing down half their extra dinner and some tea off the trolley," she said.

"This is in spite of them supposedly having protected mealtimes, which seems a farce. Everyone knows if you want free food you take a trip to the Manor to visit a relative – it's that easy."

Ms Stroud contacted Walsall South MP Valerie Vaz and the Health Secretary about her concerns.

The hospital was unavailable for comment.

This compares to around 66 per cent at private car parks, where the likes of NCP have slashed prices and introduced free Sundays.

Figures last month showed income from parking was £500,000 lower than expected in the last year.

The council had hoped to pull in £1.9 million between April 2011 to April 2012, but it came in £500,000 less, which was blamed on the recession.

Transport chief councillor Tom Ansell said: "Car park occupancy rates remain generally in line with those experienced in previous years, with current average occupancy rates of 48 per cent for council and 66 per cent for privately provided car parks."

"Motorists can always find a place to park and the ongoing reviews of town centre parking arrangements ensure that Walsall remains an attractive place to live, work and shop."

A review of town centre parking is being carried out across the due to the slump.

A trial of reducing four-hour stay prices has already been taken on board.

There have been talks with private operators about the possibility of launching a new multi-storey, while pay-by-phone parking has been introduced.

The council has also been looking at relocating under-used sites.

The town's £65m Tesco store, which offers two hours of free parking, has been cited as a factor in drivers' not using the council bays.

Guerillas get garden growing



Guerilla gardener Anna Rogozinska with Kevin Collin and Omi Bhatia

BEAUTIFUL blooms are flowering in a neighbourhood with the help of a group of volunteer gardeners determined to transform neglect in public spaces.

Caldmore Guerilla Gardeners have helped to transform two plots of land in Arundel Street, Walsall, which were in a state and had become a magnet for flytippers.

Resident Anna Rogozinska took up the call and flagged the issue up to the gardeners, who have cleared up the land and recruited traders to help along the way.

The project has been adopted by Caldmore Neighbourhood Watch.

The chairman of the Walsall South Area Partnership has praised the initiative. Chairman Councillor Khazir Hussain said: "Residents and traders have been giving the project their full support and it is making a real difference to the appeal of Caldmore."

"The fact that local people would take

time out of their daily lives and busy schedule to help make the community a cleaner and more attractive place to live, work and visit says a lot about the spirit we have here."

"I have got to praise Anna for her commitment and enthusiasm. She has taken up the call, raised the profile of guerilla gardening in this area and is making a really positive long-term contribution to the Caldmore community."

Miss Rogozinska said she wanted to help restore the beauty of Caldmore.

"Guerilla gardening means taking care of a site which has become abused," she said.

"It is often done in reaction to issues which affect the landscape of a community. Guerilla Gardening is about making positive change. Really it is community art and while many people would shy away from calling themselves artists, there is a lot of creativity in what is being achieved at these sites in Caldmore."

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Delivery driver gets work sentence

A FORMER driver for a Willenhall food delivery firm has been ordered to do unpaid work after pocketing almost £2,500 of customers' cash.

Rodney Henderson stole money due for Midland Food Group to pay for his gambling addiction over a period of more than two months.

He admitted theft by an employee at an earlier hearing and was last week he was sentenced to a community order with 200 hours unpaid work by Walsall Magistrates.

The 44-year-old, who was dismissed from his job after the offence between April and June came to light, was ordered to pay £2,469 compensation and £85 costs.

He made deliveries to cafes and restaurants and collected payments, which he then should have given to the firm, but instead he kept the money, the court was told.

Henderson, of Kingshurst Road, Northfield, Birmingham, has made arrangement to start paying back the money owed to the company. Sarah Wolfe, defending, said he had suffered personal issues including the ill health of a relative.

New move for printer

A LONG-RUNNING business, which has been based in Walsall for 25 years, will move to new town centre premises following a merger.

Kall Kwik, which specialises in business design and printing, will relocate into a former car rental showroom in Ablewell Street under its expansion plans.

The business is based in Bridge Street but Kall Kwik Walsall has since merged with Kall Kwik Tamworth.

The firm's clients include Walsall Manor Hospital, Walsall Adult Community College and Birmingham Women's Hospital.

Back in Saddle

FORMER Saddlers stars are being invited back to Walsall FC throughout the season to mark their previous efforts. The Walsall FC Supporters Trust is continuing with the player visits with Gary Childs earmarked to be the guest for the game with Brentford on September 1.

Jail for burglar who targeted pensioner, 82

A BURGLAR who followed an 82-year-old Walsall Wood pensioner into his home and attempted to steal hundreds of pounds worth of goods has been jailed for three-and-a-half years.

Mark Clarke trailed partially-sighted William Price as he was walking back to his home after collecting his pension on June 1.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard last week that the 45-year-old collected together a television, DVDs and computer games worth a total of £600 but was disturbed by a relative of Mr Price's. Clarke fled the scene with only a screwdriver.

Mr Mark Rees, prosecuting, said: "This is

a distraction burglary. The defendant made a tidy search of the property. He removed a television from a bedroom. He placed various items into a holdall, a large number of DVDs and Wii games.

"He got everything ready and bundled up downstairs for their removal. Fortunately, he wasn't able to get away with them."

The court heard Clarke had followed Mr Price back to his home. "He went to collect his pension and was making his way back," Mr Rees said. "Whilst on that journey home he was met by the defendant. The defendant followed him back into his home."

Clarke, of Bridgewater Close, Walsall

Wood, was later tracked down and arrested. He initially denied the offence but later admitted a charge of burglary.

Mr Nayan Patel, mitigating, said Clarke had known his victim and was ashamed of what he had done.

He told the court: "Nothing was taken other than a screwdriver which was later returned. It wasn't the most thought-out distraction burglary. It's not the most sophisticated of offences."

"He's ashamed of why he is back before the court."

Judge John Warner said Clarke had a bad criminal record and since 2008 had been

hailed before the courts for a total of nine offences of burglary, attempted burglary or theft.

Sentencing Clarke, Judge Warner told him: "This man was 82 years old, partially sighted and had arthritis. I do regard him as a vulnerable victim. You took advantage of him."

He said the act had been made worse by the fact that Clarke had been on licence for burglary at the time.

It was revealed earlier this year suspected bogus callers and distraction burglars have been targeting homes across Walsall an average of at least once a week.

Joy as schools buck trend with their A-level success

THOUSANDS of Walsall students picked up their all-important A level grades, with many schools reporting record results.

Across the country, the number of pupils achieving the top grades fell for the first time in 22 years.

But some schools in Walsall bucked the national trend, which also saw overall results remain similar to last year.

Students, teachers and parents were all congratulated for their hard work.

A level students at Shelfield Academy celebrated a 100 per cent pass rate, up from 98 per cent the year before.

Headteacher Bernard Dicksonson said: "The youngsters have done fantastically well. They are a credit to themselves."

Hard work also paid off at Barr Beacon School, Aldridge, where students netted the best ever results for the fourth year running, with around 37 per cent of grades at A* or A.

Dame Mo Brennan, headteacher, said: "It's so nice that we can keep the feel good factor alive after a cracking summer - the Jubilee, the Olympics and now this."

Choice

At Queen Mary's High School, 20 students achieved all A* and A grades with an overall pass rate of 99.4 per cent.

Headteacher Alison Bruton said: "The vast majority of students have gained places at their first choice of university and all four of our candidates for the University of Oxford secured their places."

Meanwhile at Queen Mary's Grammar School, Sutton Road, pupils achieved the best ever crop of results.

A total of 82 per cent of grades were A* to B and there was a nine per cent improvement on last year. More than 40 per cent of candidates got three A grades or better.

Tim Swain, headteacher, said: "We will remember 2012 as a vintage year."

Students at Pool Hayes, in Willenhall, celebrated an overall pass rate of 95 per cent.

Val Paris, head of sixth form, said: "The fact that 16, or 76 per cent, of the courses on offer registered a 100 per cent pass rate proves how hard the students and teachers have worked to achieve these standards of success. I am particularly pleased with the



Shire Oak Academy students Rebecca Poxon, Emily Freeman, Rebecca Allen, Emily Stokes, Jodie Westwood and Jessica Sollom celebrate their results

number of A* to C grades, 44 per cent, achieved by the students this year."

There were further celebrations at the school as pupil Daniel Tonks gained two A* A and B and will go on to study at Oxford University.

Headteacher Jim Clarke said: "We are delighted with these achievements, some of which are outstanding."

Staff at Joseph Leckie Academy, Delves, said they were "very pleased" with the school's overall pass rate of 95 per cent.

Eleven subjects achieved passes for all

pupils, while 35 per cent of all entries were A* to B grades. Shire Oak Academy, Walsall Wood, netted an average points score for students of 856.

The academy's results have been improving since 2008, when the average score stood at 574.1.

Pleasing

Neal Critchley, director of sixth form studies, said: "A really pleasing set of results for the students that will hopefully see all those who want to get to university success-



All smiles for Aldridge School students Andrew Lloyd, front and back row from left, Chloe Law, Dipen Mistry and Charlie Wright

ful in their applications." And at Aldridge School, 98 per cent of pupils gained A* to E grades, compared to 96 per cent in 2011.

Of the 91 students who have just left the school, 81 are going on to study at university.

Star student Andrew Lloyd, aged 18, gained three A* grades in chemistry, biology and maths and is going to study medicine at Leicester University.

Headteacher David Mountney said: "We take great pride in these excellent results and the progress they reflect."

NEWS in brief

Library scheme making progress

STALLED plans for a multi-million pound library in Bentley are finally due to be submitted within months after more than five years in the pipeline.

Revised proposals for the long-awaited scheme will go to Walsall Council planners by the end of the year following delays due to funds.

Council-owned land was marketed for sale last year in a bid to raise cash after the authority admitted the initial scheme could have to be down-sized. Leisure chief councillor Anthony Harris said: "The project has progressed to outline design."

Police warn over handbag thieves

SHOPPERS in Walsall town centre have been urged to beware following a spate of handbag thefts from the back of pushchairs and under café tables.

West Midlands Police spokesman Lee Page said shoppers need to be vigilant and not leave their bags unattended. Police have stepped up patrols around the town centre.

Five handbags were stolen in five days last month. Three were taken from the back of pushchairs while two were snatched from under tables.

Get fit plea goes out to residents

WALSALL residents are being urged to take inspiration from the Olympic Games by getting fit.

Adult exercise referral scheme Time to Change is running in the borough. It aims to give people one-to-one advice on ways of becoming more physically active.

Appointments can be booked by calling the Time to Change team on 01902 605500.

Bus lane closed to end of week

A BUS lane in Walsall is due to remain closed until the end of this week while gas main renewal works take place.

Restrictions are in place along the southbound lane of Stafford Street during the scheme being carried out by Enterprise Plc.

Dance studio plan

AN industrial warehouse is to be converted into a dance studio in Walsall Wood under an application submitted to Walsall Council for Ricspur Works, Walsall Road.

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FROM the town of Kempton in Bavaria comes news of a mass brawl involving two families. One clan moved a park bench into the sunshine. Then the other lot turned up and said they always used that bench and wanted it in the shade. One family then rushed off and came back with chains and a padlock (so organised, these Germans) to prevent the others from moving it. After a bit of pushing and shoving the police arrived. And you wonder why the Germans always manage to grab the sunbeds on holiday. They spend the rest of the year practising.

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NO SOONER had the above item appeared online a few days ago than the politically-correct brigade descended on me by email, raging with the usual anonymous, holier-than-thou fury. One denounced it as "a childish piece of racist nonsense" and another declared piously that "journalism like this makes me ashamed to be English." Several called for me to be sacked. Listen. I will say this only once. I have German friends. They love Britain. They adore our countryside, our coastline and most of our food. But the one thing they admire, cherish and envy more than anything else is our irreverent British sense of humour. I know they would laugh like a drain about the Bavarian bench-nicking story.

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SAD tale from a cyclist following the suggestion a few days back that all bike riders should have a bicycle bell. He fitted one some years ago and rang it "in a friendly manner" at a group of ramblers. Their leader, a 70-something with a walking stick, struck him and yelled: "How dare you ring that ****ing thing at me." Eager to avoid similar offence, the cyclist removed the bell. A little later he approached a group of ramblers, shouted "a friendly salutation" and was duly whacked on the back by the group leader, again a 70-something bloke with a walking stick who yelled: "Get a ****ing bell on that bike."

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AS NIGHT follows day, there is a rash of post-Olympics reports telling us how we can all live for ever by taking more exercise, even in middle-age. So go for it, all you couch potatoes. Do a quick 50 press-ups followed by a 100-metre dash. And if you suddenly notice your running companion is an old bloke in a black cloak carrying a scythe, do not be surprised. Peter O'Toole once remarked: "The only exercise I take is walking behind the coffins of friends who took exercise."

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BEWARE of Olympics-cobblers parading as fact - for example, the oft-repeated claim that Olympic success creates a fit and healthy nation. If that is true, how come the three medal-winning giants, China, the United States and Great Britain, lead the world in child obesity?

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AND IF playing fields are crucial to a nation's Olympic success, how come in the golden age of playing fields of the 1950s-80s we won tidily-squirt at the Games but now, with thousands of playing fields sold off, we are third in the medal table? You could probably draw a graph showing that the more playing fields we sell, the more medals we win.

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Business rent and rate holiday

A £100,000 SCHEME offering free rent and business rate relief for a limited time to firms setting up in Walsall town centre has been launched.

Walsall Council has invested in the scheme to help new and existing businesses grow and it also aims to tackle the problem of empty buildings.

The authority is in discussion

with local companies to produce a package of financial incentives, including free business rates for up to 12 months and free rent for up to six months.

Landlords are now being asked to put their units forward for consideration by submitting official applications.

Regeneration chief councillor Adrian Andrew said this boost for

local business was an opportunity to re-ignite Walsall.

Thriving

He said: "This is a project which supports the coalition's vision for Walsall's future, a thriving commercial metropolis which sustains development and growth."

"We have been given a chance to create a legacy for economic wellbe-

ing, providing investors, shoppers and visitors to Walsall with an attractive, busy, successful town centre."

Nick Parkinson, manager at WS1 and a Walsall town team member, is fronting the project.

He said: "This project will see private and public sector joining forces to support and nurture new start-up businesses."

£10m funds cut means tough decisions ahead

WALSALL Council is facing a £10 million cut in its Government funding next year with finance chiefs warning that means there will be difficult decisions ahead.

Council bosses are poised to begin the annual process of setting the budget.

They will find out in December who much less they are set to receive from central Government but it is feared it will be up to £10m.

The local authority has already reduced spending in 2012/13 with savings of up to £12.84m.

Total savings of around £67m will have to be made in the next four years.

Finance chief Chris Towe said: "Walsall Council sets a budget each year and has to decide how to allocate available money to the wide

range of vital services we provide to the community."

"We anticipate a minimum of £10m less grant from the Government next year and we need to prepare for this."

Limited

"Resources are increasingly limited and decisions relating to the budget are difficult. This means that choices have to be made between different and competing spending priorities."

Residents, businesses and community groups are being asked to help with the budget-setting process for 2013/2014 and will be invited to give their views on spending priorities.

The final budget will be approved by the council in February.

Meanwhile, more than £1.8 million was paid out by Walsall Council after 130 workers left the cash-strapped authority inside 12 months.

The payouts were given after 43 compulsory redundancies. Another 100 staff departed the council during the last financial year. This amounted to £1.835m between April 2011-2012 and included the agreed exit of two employees at a cost of £177,000.

It was significantly less than the previous year where £4.288m was forked out on exit packages.

There were 65 compulsory redundancies in the previous year with a total of almost 260 financial packages.

The fuchsia is looking bright



Brian and Janet Tomalin get ready for Walsall Fuchsia and Flower Society Show

A MARRIED pair of gardeners are encouraging flower enthusiasts to attend an annual plant show being held on Saturday in Walsall.

Brian Tomalin, aged 75, and his wife Janet are in the process of organising the Walsall Fuchsia and Flower Society Show, being held at Blue Coat Comprehensive School in Birmingham Street.

Mr and Mrs Tomalin, who live in Morton Avenue, Great Barr, say the day is for both members and non-members and a range of

plants - mainly fuchsias - will be on show at the venue between 1.30pm and 4.30pm.

There will also be craftwork and painting competitions for children. Refreshments will be available. Admission is 75p, or free for members.

Mr Tomalin added: "Anyone interested in growing fuchsias can come along to our meetings on the third Monday of the month at Pelsall Labour Club in Church Road, Pelsall."

'White van man' is to blame for fly-tipping

MOTORISTS with van loads of rubbish are the main source of fly-tipping across Walsall, it has emerged.

There were just under 2,000 complaints of dumped rubbish in the borough in the last financial year.

It emerged earlier this year that almost £250,000 had been spent clearing piles of rubbish in just 12 months.

A report to Walsall Council said: "In 2011/12 there were 1,994 fly-tipping incidences across the borough, well above the five year average of 1,540."

Avoiding

"A large proportion, 69 per cent, of fly-tipping involves van loads of fly-tipped waste as an off load from 'white van' building traders who are avoiding commercial disposal costs."

"An additional 25 per cent of fly-tipping involved car boot loads and single items which largely consist of household waste."

Hotspots for dumped rubbish have include Goscoat Lodge Crescent in Goscoat; Shakespeare Crescent, in Harden; Chaucer Road, in Bloxwich; and Reaymer Close, in Leamore.

The council says cameras had recently been bought to be installed at hotspots in order to catch the culprits.

Driver died in pile-up

A LORRY driver from Walsall was killed in a collision on a busy route in Northamptonshire.

Wilfred Nightingale, aged 51, of Queen Elizabeth Avenue, Bentley, was killed in a multi-vehicle pile-up.

The four-vehicle collision including two HGVs happened on the A14 near the Catthorpe Interchange on July 26.

He was formally identified by Northamptonshire Police last week.

Model was third

GLAMOROUS Walsall model Deana Uppal, the current Miss India UK, came third in Channel Five reality TV show Big Brother - meaning the 23-year old missed out on the top prize of £50,000.

That was claimed by Welsh winner Luke Anderson. Los Angeles raised Dudley resident Adam Kelly came second.

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Pavilion to boost visits to restored Palfrey Park

A NEW £390,000 pavilion created in a Walsall park will boost the number of visitors to the restored green space.

The new Palfrey Park pavilion in Dale Street has been officially unveiled by Walsall Council. Work was carried out at the Green Flag award-winning site after consultation with residents living nearby.

The building has been designed as a single storey timber-framed green roof structure by David Wilson Partnership Architects. Contractors E Manton Ltd of Birmingham worked on the scheme.

The park recently retained its Green Flag Award – the national quality standard – for the sixth year running.

Community

Walsall's leisure chief, Councillor Anthony Harris, said: "The completion of this community pavilion is the final piece in the jigsaw of the park's restoration and regeneration.

"It is a testament to the unwavering commitment of all who have been involved in its development and I know that it is going to be a real asset to the immediate and wider community.

"Palfrey Park attracts more than 400,000 visitors a year but this is bound to increase."

Parents hit by parking fines

PARENTS have been hit with fines for parking outside school gates.

The penalties were handed out by Walsall Council. A total of 27 motorists were given £70 fines. If the fine is paid within 14 days it is halved.

Fines for parking in school zones such as yellow zig zags is one of the tactics used to stop parents clogging up school entrances and potentially posing a danger to pupils.

Signs

Transport chief councillor Tom Ansell said: "For this offence 27 penalty charge notices were issued during the 12 month period from July 1, 2011."

Councils and schools across the region have taken steps to tackle the problem.

Pupils from Whetstone Field Primary in Aldridge raised cash for four special warning signs for teachers and pupils to use in patrols.

Move to secure business and boost engineering jobs

WORKERS at two engineering firms have moved under the same roof following the £150,000 renovation of a factory in Walsall.

Bosses say the move will secure the future of the companies and create new jobs. Around 80 staff from Mellish Engineering Services and Tipper Engineering are now based at the site in Middlemore Lane, Aldridge. Bosses say business is booming and turnover is expected to double this year from a combined £5.2 million in 2011.

More than half of the new 27,000 sq ft site is being used as a workshop area. Thousands of pounds have been invested in new machinery.

Peter Rattenberry, chairman of Mellish Engineering Services, said: "It was an empty building before and has been completely renovated. We've created a metallurgical laboratory to test the materials. We've spent £12,000 on a machine which identifies materials so we can ensure customers are getting

exactly what they want. We have also bought a bigger forging press.

"The whole business is now getting more IT-literate. This move will help secure the future of the companies."

The business already exports products to more than 30 countries but bosses are hoping to continue to grow the export market and create up to eight jobs over the next 12 months.

Mr Rattenberry, aged 69, of Aldridge,

added: "We expect to double the turnover this year because of our export activity.

"It has always been a big part of the business but we are looking to export into other countries."

Mellish Engineering Services, which manufactures fasteners, moved from Merchants Way. Tipper Engineering, which makes industrial fasteners for the petrochemical and gas industries, moved to the new site from Hall Lane, Walsall Wood.

Homes may rise from ashes of old building

HOMES could rise from the ashes of a fire-ravaged former leatherworks in Walsall. Site owner Pal Singh has spoken about his sadness at losing the Boak buildings in Station Street in a suspected arson attack. He had planned to turn the historic building into flats.

But businessman Mr Singh, who has owned the site for the past 35 years, said he would plough ahead with the redevelopment of the site, despite the blaze – meaning he would have to "go back to the drawing board".

Manufacturers remain positive but cautious

SMALL and medium-sized manufacturers in the West Midlands are still reporting increased sales and predicting growth despite reports of an industry downturn.

Orders have grown in the last six months for 43 per cent of regional respondents to the Manufacturing Advisory Service (MAS) National Barometer and 45 per cent anticipate a further upturn by the end of the year.

BSC (Diecasting), which employs 82 people at its factory in Bloxwich, was one of the companies questioned.

The zinc and aluminium pressure diecaster has seen turnover more than double to £5.6m in the last year, creating 20 jobs in the process.

Chairman Mark Nunan, said: "Over £2m in new contracts have been secured and these involve supplying high quality finished parts to the brewing, hydraulics and automotive sectors.

"We've also enjoyed success overseas with export levels now at 15 per cent and, ideally, heading towards 30 per cent by the end of 2013."



Success – Mark Nunan

More than 100 West Midlands companies took part and just over a third are looking to create new jobs, 49 per cent expect the size of their workforce to stay the same and 85 per cent are looking to boost their turnover through exporting.

Companies considering investing in machinery and premises over the next six months is down from 56 to 43 per cent. MAS specialist for the West Midlands, Rachel Eade, said: "The results are still showing positive signs of growth and expansion, although there are indications...of a more cautious outlook."

More than 70 firefighters tackled flames overnight on July 23 at the derelict Boak leather factory, which was known for its iconic water tower.

It has now been flattened and all that remains is a mound of rubble.

Mr Singh said he hoped to still build homes there. Prior to the fire, planning permission had been granted for 31 flats.

Redevelop

"Obviously this has been a set back," he said. "But we will bring it back to life. The idea is still to redevelop it. "It's so sad it's gone. I had owned that building for 35 years.

"It was going to be the main anchoring part of the redevelopment of homes and a big attraction would be that part of the building was listed."

Mr Singh said the fire meant they would have to reassess and redevelop the original plans.

"We will have to go back to the drawing board."

"We are hoping to have a meeting at the end of this month with the planners," he added.

Built in 1903, the Boak building had been a leatherworks and then a jeans factory, before falling empty in around 2006.

Historians have spoken of their sadness at the loss of one of the borough's best-known heritage buildings.

Something to shout about



Shouting all about it – town crier Austin Cheminais promotes the upcoming beer festival at the Shire Oak pub in Brownhills, with landlord Rob Webb

A PUB is preparing to kick off its beer festival with help from a town crier.

The Shire Oak on Lichfield Road, Brownhills, will host its festival for three days over the bank holiday weekend.

Town crier Austin Cheminais, the former headteacher of Rushall JMI School, is supporting the event before he moves to Llan-gollen in Wales.

Mr Cheminais, aged 58, rang his bells at the Shire Oak to mark the build up to the ale festival, which will boast more than 20 dif-

ferent ales, plus live music and a barbecue.

"We bought a house in Llangollen but have only just sold our house here" he said.

"I will be around for the beer festival."

Pint

"The Shire Oak serves a really good pint. "I would encourage people to go along if they want a real pint, it's good."

The festival kicks off tomorrow night (Friday) and runs through the weekend until Monday evening.

NEWS in brief

Dinner with the £1 million man

TICKETS are available for a sporting dinner show with England's first million pound player in Walsall this autumn.

Trevor Francis played for Birmingham City before his record transfer to Nottingham Forest. He went on to be Birmingham City manager.

The dinner will be at the Banks's Stadium on October 4 and tickets are £30 including a three course meal. For details call (01922) 651414.

Tour the cells at police open day

WALSALL police station will host a community open day on Sunday, September 23.

Visitors to the Green Lane station will be able to tour the cell blocks, look at police vehicles past and present, and also watch a boxing demonstration.

The station will be open from 11am to 4pm.

Collage to mark 40 years in village

PHOTOGRAPHS and stories are being sought about a housing association in Walsall to celebrate its 40 years with a collage.

Staff at Caldmore Accord Housing Association want people to share their memories.

For more information, call (01922) 705764.

Triple tower ride is display theme

A DISPLAY dedicated to a charity fundraiser from New Invention is on show at Coventry Transport Museum. Glyn Marston completed the Triple Tower Challenge, cycling between the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Eiffel Tower and Blackpool Tower, to raise money for St Giles Walsall Hospice.

Hawk eye watch out for nuisance

A DOME hawk camera is being used in Darlaston to crack down on people causing a nuisance. Complaints have been made about anti-social behaviour in Hall Street East.

Date fixed for residents' meet

THE next Blakenall residents' meeting will be on Wednesday, August 29.

It will be held at St Thomas Church, in Dartmouth Avenue, Coalpool, from 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

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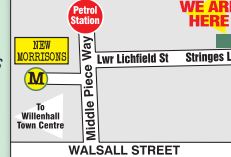
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**NEWS**

Waiting list to get a plot at allotment is being cut

WORK is being done to reduce waiting lists for allotments in Walsall, council chiefs said, as it was revealed new sought-after plots had become available.

By Catherine Dalton

Small plots are now on offer at the Victoria Road site, with others up for grabs at Ince Road and Adden-brooke Street.

Leisure chief Anthony Harris said: "We're delighted to be able to offer some more allotment plots and have 10 half plots available for take up over the next few weeks."

"The Victoria Road site is really thriving after the council's Greenspace Improvement Service arranged for more than 20 plots to be cleared there earlier this year."

"The Greenspace Improvement Service

formed a partnership with Community Payback to get the site cleared and new plot holders were able to pick up their keys just before the spring."

A total of 44 extra plots have been created in Walsall in the past 12 months, thanks to a clean up and infrastructure programme.

Alison Bate, allotments and community gardens officer, said: "While there is a high demand for plots, we are working hard to reduce waiting lists."

Call 0845 111 2900 for details about the plots.

Drivers facing delays

MOTORISTS were facing facing hold-ups during a carriageway marking scheme in Walsall Wood. Stop and go control signals were due to operate along Brownhills Road, near to the junction of Occupation Road, until Friday from 9.30am and 4pm.

Youngsters go hell for leather for gold



Harry Bridgwater, aged five, and eight-year-old Ebony and Leah Mansell, six, show off their handiwork

GOLD, silver and bronze medals were made by Olympic-inspired youngsters at a museum. Children showed off their creative skills by turning paper plates into Olympic medals following on from the success of Team GB. It is the latest in a host of activities held at Walsall Leather Museum, Littleton Street West, over the school summer holidays.

David Mills, assistant curator, said: "It has been very popular. A lot of visitors came and they were all really delighted with it." Dozens of youngsters have attended Wednesday Clubs at the museum throughout the holidays.

Puppets were the focus of the day this Wednesday, when youngsters got the chance to make their own.

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NEWS

Playing fields work will mean driving disruption

In tune for charity night



David Tocknell, Norma Wills and Sheila Bailey, of Walsall Symphony Orchestra, Brian Tew, president of Walsall Rotary Club of, and Roy Evans, Harvey Boucher and David Price from Sheffield Male Voice

A LAST Night of the Proms concert featuring internationally-renowned artists is being held to raise cash for charity.

Soprano Susan Parkes, pianist Warren Mailley-Smith, Sheffield Male Voice Choir and Walsall Symphony Orchestra will all be performing at the show, organised by the Rotary Club of Walsall, for free.

It is the second time a concert like this has been arranged and it aims to raise thousands for Breast Cancer Care and the Bryntysilio Outdoor

Education Centre, which is visited by Walsall children.

Rotary Club of Walsall president Brian Tew said: "The music is absolutely wonderful. All the performers offer their services for free for the benefit of the people of Walsall."

The event, at Walsall Town Hall in Lichfield Street on September 15, starts at from 7pm.

Tickets are £10 and people are urged to book on 0845 112900, or visit Walsall Central Library.

MOTORISTS and residents are being warned of disruptions during work to re-open contaminated playing fields – as it was announced more than 20 lorries a day will visit the site.

Work is to be carried out at the Broadway West fields in Walsall almost a decade after ball games were banned following the discovery of dangerous metals.

During the £400,000 project, which will include the installation of an engineering cap and new top soil, Walsall Council chiefs are warning of nuisance around the site, set to affect local roads.

Members of the council's planning committee are being recommended to agree permission for the work when they meet on Thursday.

The Palfrey and Caldmore Neighbourhood Watch said it was concerned about noise and the extra traffic problems that will be created. Chairman Mohammed Rafiq, said: "To have 22 lorries a day chugging along is too much."

"The Broadway has already got its problems and the rest of the community is not happy about it. It is going to cause congestion."

But in a report to councillors, head of planning David Elsworth said although there will be inconvenience there would be long-term benefits. He added it was anticipated the road network would be able to cope. "The raising of the level of the playing fields will result in the restriction of use of the playing fields for approximately 20 working days whilst the new layer of soil is added," he said.

Butterfly walk on offer

A FREE butterfly walk will be held at Chapel Lane, Merriens Wood Local Nature Reserve, Great Barr, on August 28 at 2pm. People can learn how to catch and handle butterflies and use a butterfly net.

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LETTERS

Parking cameras will lead to aggro

MORE bad news for Walsall's motorists and business. Parking wardens to be issued with body mounted CCTV cameras for after 40 incidents of abusive behaviour towards them in the last 12 months.

I have always voted Conservative, despite being working class and always believed that they would always work for the town and business but this present lot really do take the biscuit.

The parking regime put in place by them has already wreaked havoc on businesses around the town and now we are going to get more aggro from generally law abiding people who see themselves simply being used as cash

cows in council's quest for yet more "fools gold"! Let me assure councillors that cameras will surely inflame the situation in Walsall, as there is a massive difference between the odd police officers having CCTV cameras on their body to crack down on crime, than civilian parking wardens swamping the town, with them on their person, further aggravating motorists who have had enough of being pursued all around the town.

Of course we have to have means of keeping traffic under control and laws to ensure this, but in Walsall it's an overkill. As a young policeman in Walsall in the 50s and 60s I quickly

learned that to uphold any law you needed Joe Public on your side and mostly they were.

In the case of Walsall's parking wardens we have to realise it's not their fault, the present regime and the way it works, is solely due to Walsall Council.

As a disabled blue badge holder myself I see how the system operates. In Walsall you don't have time to draw up, or draw your breath even, and along they come, following one after another, like lost sheep. I actually feel sorry for most of them because what they are asked of by this council.

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LINDA O'CONNOR
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Proud, at last

THANKS to Team GB and what they have recently achieved I can actually say (for the first time in a long time) that I am proud to be British! Therefore, after experiencing something so positive let's hope that Britain can continue to change for the better.

KIRSTY GROGAN
Park Lane, Walsall

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No desire to shine a light on business

MUCH is said and written about the growth of manufacturing in UK and promotion of SMEs within the Black Country. However, reality is very different.

At Led (UK) Ltd a small solid lighting company in Walsall, we continue to do our level best to grow our innovative firm. Indeed, I have had an offer of free office space in China, and I am in conversation with Indian officials to grow our business of led energy efficient lighting. Our discussion has resolved around, no entry tax on green projects and no vat on equipment either.

The opposite exists in Walsall. I have just received an email from a senior officer, explaining to me why we cannot acquire land next to our property to expand and create a future base for our company that has the potential to employ up to 20 engineering professionals. There is absolutely no desire on the part of these people to see the growth of small innovative companies. It appears to me that their interest lies in low level service orientated industries.

RANJIT SINGH SOHAL, Ablewell Street, Walsall

Helping to shine light on sport

AT last real sport is getting the headlines with the brilliant euphoria about Team GB. I was particularly pleased to see at the closing ceremony the volunteers wearing light bulbs.

Thirty years ago this month, a project was set up in Walsall to address the issue everyone is talking about, increasing participation in sport by those that do not normally participate.

The then Sports Council of England and Wales' project Action Sport paid for a television advert featuring comedian Alexei Sayle, wearing a glowing light bulb on his head! His banter really struck home among the teenage and young unemployed. The project was a great success in Walsall. The legacy is still apparent in Walsall now. They were brilliant!

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NEWS

Thriving Village Hub is helping community

Clara's milestone birthday



Clara Reynolds celebrates her 103rd birthday with care assistant Lynne Thorpe and nurse Rafia Ali at HC One Care Home in Walsall. A FORMER barnmaid from Walsall who was still pulling pints at 70 has celebrated her 103rd birthday.

Clara Reynolds worked behind the bar at The Haymakers Arms in Walsall, for more than 35 years.

Family, friends and staff attended a party in her honour at Ash Grange Nursing Home in Blakenall, as the great-grandmother celebrated another milestone birthday.

She received dozens of cards as well as several bouquets of flowers.

Becky Clish, deputy manager at Ash Grange, said: "She's definitely one of the most loved residents."

An avid knitter, Mrs Reynolds makes scarves for her fellow nursing home residents.

The mother-of-two and grandmother-of-two, previously lived in Francis Street, Birchills.

A COMMUNITY project which provides work experience and job opportunities in Walsall is "thriving", say councillors.

The Village Hub opened in May on Caldmore Green and gives people the chance to gain advice and guidance on issues such as training and volunteering.

It can also be used as an exhibition space for people from the Walsall South wards to showcase their skills and talents.

Councillor Khizar Hussain, chairman of Walsall South Area Partnership, said: "I am delighted this community hub is succeeding in giving the whole of Walsall South a productive means to engage in community work which everyone can benefit from."

Venue

"The Hub is also a venue organisations and groups can utilise to further their own ambitions."

Denise Perry, area manager for Walsall South Area Partnership at Walsall Council, holds weekly meetings there.

She said that the centre was becoming central to the development of the local community.

"Since opening we have enjoyed a fantastic response," she explained.

The Village Hub is part funded by Walsall South Area Partnership along with the Caldmore Accord Housing Group.

Big demand at library for saucy Shades book

AROUND 50 people have put their names on a waiting list to borrow the hit book Fifty Shades of Grey at libraries in Walsall.

The erotic novel, part of a trilogy, last week became the best-selling book ever. Walsall libraries have 28 copies of first book Fifty Shades of Grey with two on order. But the book is being checked out as soon as it is returned, with 46 current reservations.

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NEWS

Shoppers pick charities



Asda are helping collect money from shoppers for charity. Mayor and Mayoress of Walsall Dennis and Kate Anson with Alexis Reid-Hamilton and, front, community life champion Martin Bateman

SHOPPERS at a supermarket in Walsall are helping to raise money for worthy causes.

Asda is asking customers to pick which cause they want the store in George Street to award up to £200 to. The Chosen By You, Driven By Us initiative sees shoppers given tokens to nominate a cause to be supported.

Until the end of September the three options are the Mayor of Walsall's chosen charity Leukaemia and Melanoma Research, Anthony Nolan or Sickle Cell Thalassemia Screening. Customers can also nominate future causes as long as there is a connection with the borough. The winner gets £200 and runners-up receive £50.

Community life champion at the store Martin Bateman said: "Historically Asda has been very generous. Each store is the heart of the community so the community should choose."

Allotments proposed at school site

A NEW community allotment could be created on an overgrown school site in Walsall.

The scheme is earmarked for a site at the Mirus Academy in Bloxwich and follows a community orchard planted in the town earlier this year as a fundraising aide for community groups and local charities.

It is hoped the project will help drive down waiting lists for allotments in the borough after it emerged that 152 people were still queuing up for a plot on one of the 10 council-managed sites in June.

Nikki Rolls, from the Bloxwich district centre management team, said: "The plans are in the initial stages."

"We will have a meeting in September to put the plans in progress."

The town's first community orchard, which includes 500 saplings and 40 fruit trees, was planted in Ashbourne Road in March.

Firms interested in enterprise zone

A TOTAL of 15 businesses have expressed an interest in moving to a new job-boosting Black Country Enterprise Zone being created in Walsall.

The enterprise zone, which will be made up of 15 pockets of land in Darlaston, is expected to create thousands of new jobs in the area.

Interest is already high from firms keen to move on to the site and into the borough, and council bosses say they expect inquiries to rise as the scheme develops.

Occupant

Regeneration chief Councillor Adrian Andrew said: "Approximately 15 companies have expressed an interest and the council expects this number to increase as time moves forward."

"In addition, the zone already has an occupant with Nationwide Platforms, a national equipment hire specialist."

Firms that move on to an enterprise zone site can take advantage of simplified planning rules. Certain types of businesses will not be required to seek planning permission.

NEWS

Council set aside £90k to replace green bins

Fresh start for restaurant



Stroker survivor Paul Stringer, front left, and chef Tyrone Slater with, centre, community development officer Paul Mason and, back, carer Charles Stringer with their fresh produce grown in Walsall

FRESH fruit and vegetables being grown on an allotment at a community centre in Walsall are being used in meals in its restaurant.

Diners at Goscot Greenacres can now tuck into meals made using food grown by users of the Goscot Lane Centre.

Tomatoes, cabbages, courgettes,

cucumbers, shallots and fresh herbs are harvested from the site. The centre is for adults with disabilities. Goscot chef Tyrone Slater added: "It beats going to the supermarket, that's for sure."

The Greenacres Restaurant runs a breakfast club and is also open at lunchtimes.

MORE than £90,000 has been set aside by council chiefs in Walsall to cover the cost of replacing worn-out green bins in the borough.

Authority bosses have been forced to allocate funds in case containers dating back more than 15 years need to be replaced.

It covers more than 4,000 bins but is not a roll out of new containers.

If someone has a bin they think is no longer fit they can request a new one and it will be assessed by council staff.

Stolen

But residents who have their bin stolen or vandalised must still pay a £18.50 replacement charge.

A total of 691 were bought by families in Walsall over a six-month period up to spring of this year at a cost of more than £12,700.

Ring-fenced funding for replacing worn out bins covers the financial year.

Environment boss councillor Tom Ansell said: "These are not bins to be issued but a budget in case we need to replace green bins that are older than 15 years and need replacement."

"A budget of £92,000 would replace approximately 4,500 bins."

The move comes after it emerged residents who fail to bin their rubbish correctly are being visited by officials because tons of contaminated recycling waste has been sent to landfill.

Plan for history HQ

A FEASIBILITY study into plans for a museum and history complex in Walsall will be completed next month.

It is expected that outline designs for the base, which would bring together Walsall Museum and the Local History Centre, can then be drawn up.

It emerged that council chiefs are looking at moving them together with the leather museum in Littleton Street West.

Other sites are also being considered before a final location is selected.

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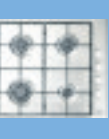


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NEWS

Garden centre tea room application gets support

A GARDEN centre in Aldridge is poised to expand, creating new jobs, after more than 1,500 people backed a petition.

Wheat's Green Centre will boost its workforce to at least 30 under plans to open a cafe and tea room in Chester Road.

It involves demolition of a polytunnel and building within the green belt and one objection has been lodged against the plans.

But a petition with 1,773 signatures has been submitted in support of the scheme due before Walsall Council planners.

The proposed building at the garden centre and nursery is behind the main store between the service road access and Bourne Pool.

The family-run WM Wheat & Son business has been operating since 1937 and the proposals are part of its long-term expansion plans. If passed, bosses said at least three full time staff will be recruited although this could increase later.

Managing director Brian Wheat said: "We are pleased and proud of the support that we have received from our customers."

"We have got a huge demand for a refreshment area here and we have been looking to do it for some time."

The objection has been submitted by the proprietor of the nearby Simon's Restaurant with concerns over parking and extra traffic. However, members of the planning committee are being recommended to grant permission when they meet on Thursday.

In his report, head of planning David Elsworth said new buildings in the green belt were inappropriate unless special circumstances were demonstrated but as the cafe would replace the polytunnel and have a smaller floor area, the proposal should be supported as it has no significant impact.

Get bug for bat walks

WILDLIFE enthusiasts can take part in bug and bat walks and moth trapping, as part of a Bioblitz, wildlife recording session on Saturday. Walsall Council's countryside services has organised the free event at Walsall Arboretum extension from 5pm to 10pm.

Katie learns ingredients



Learning the recipe for success, Katie Farman with Nick Holzher

A BUSINESS student from Walsall College has started a work experience placement at a new company, formed by a former The Apprentice contestant.

Katie Farman, from Cheslyn Hay, will be working with Whisk, a new Birmingham-based food company co-founded by Nick Holzher, who came third in this year's series of The Apprentice.

He studied international business at Aston University and was voted Birmingham Young Personality of the Year 2011 for entrepreneurship after launching his own coffee business. Whisk, his new venture, aims to revolutionise meal planning and grocery shopping with the launch of

a new recipe web tool. It allows users to purchase the ingredients for any recipe they find on the internet, saving the need for a trip to the supermarket.

Katie, aged 20, is due to study business management at university and was given the chance of work experience at Whisk after winning the business and enterprise category at the National BTEC Awards 2012. She said: "My dream is to one day start my own business so working alongside Nick is really inspiring."

Mr Holzher said: "It's a great opportunity for her to gain valuable experience in seeing how a new company is created."

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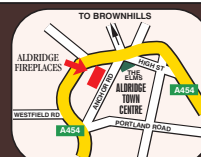
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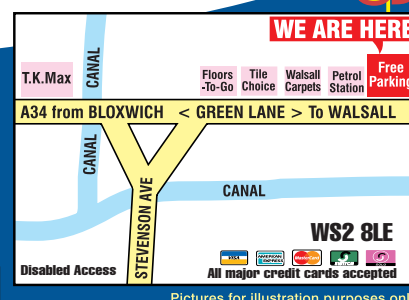
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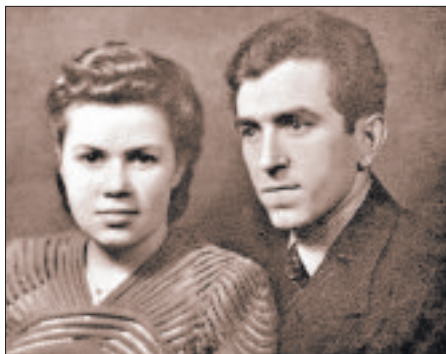
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Janina's sister Helena



Janina with her husband Marian whom she met in this country



Janina around the age of 18



Janina's brother Wladek



Janina as a PoW with brother Wladek at the front

War camp survivor wins medal seven decades on

A GREAT Wyrley woman has received the Siberian Cross from the Polish Government for her time in a repatriation camp.

Janina Chmielewska was one of many Polish people dragged from their homes and moved to Siberia in April 1940. She was removed from the country at the age of 15 along with her 11-year-old sister Helena and 13-year-old brother Wladek. The youngster was then put to backbreaking farming work and laying railway track.

"The time there was terrible," recalled Janina, now 88, of Jacobs Hall Lane. "They kept us sometimes without food for two or three days. A lot of old people died on their way there. We had to work in places they put us in."

Her son Edward, from Walsall, is 59

by Richard Woodall

and a history teacher at Wolverhampton's Heath Park Business & Enterprise College. He said: "My mother was at home and suddenly the Russian troops knocked on the door."

"She was given a couple of hours notice and just told by them to 'pack your things'. My mother would probably have been one of the oldest."

Upon leaving, he said, his mother took many layers of clothing with her in order to barter with when in Siberia. "It had just been her birthday, and these were new clothes" he said.

"Her particular village, Zablocie, was on the eastern side of Poland. They were all rounded up, not knowing what was happening and yet probably expecting the worst. She was responsible for her younger brother and sister."

The journey was one of the hardest

chapters for Mrs Chmielewska and her siblings. They were driven for mile after mile in cattle trucks in poor conditions and crowded spaces.

"The journey itself was horrendous. It was hot and unpleasant. They only had one small area for a toilet."

"People died in there. When they did stop, they were just hoping people would give them water."

When she arrived at the camp, she was left to fend for herself.

In June 1941 the farm workers were moved again, hundreds of miles away to lay 36 kilometres of railway line. They were made to work until, as prisoners of war, they were later released two months later.

Mr Chmielewska added: "My mother met my father, Marian, in Britain. Dad was a pilot and mum a wireless operator. I am very proud of my mother receiving it. It's important to recognise people's suffering."



Janina Chmielewska and her son Edward



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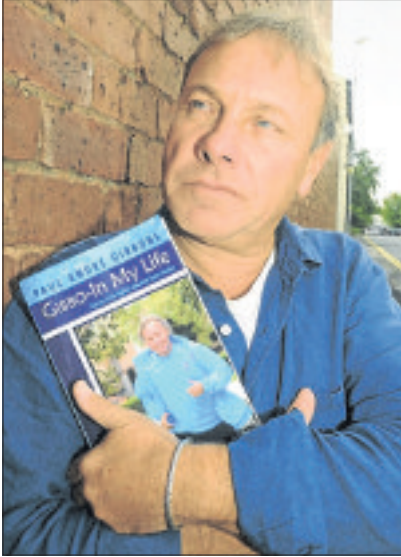
NEWS

Warning after rise in thefts from cars

HIGH-VISIBILITY patrols have been stepped up in Walsall following a spate of thefts from cars. Motorists are being urged to secure vehicles and ensure valuables are not left on show. Police are warning drivers against not hiding belongings, such as sat-navs, handbags and mobile phones when leaving their cars.

Patrols are being stepped up and officers are giving out crime prevention following a rise in thefts. Det Con Debbie Webster, of Walsall Police, said: "I'd like to remind all motorists to lock their vehicle and take out any valuable items to reduce the risk of theft." Other advice includes fitting an alarm, using a garage where possible and keeping windows shut.

Former coach gets into print



Football coach Paul Gibbons with his book Gibbo-In My Life
A FORMER West Bromwich Albion youth coach has written a book about his life and his search for the football stars of the future. Paul Gibbons, aged 58, has spent his life teaching youngsters the techniques of the beautiful game, and now he has penned his experiences in his own memoirs, called Gibbo - In My Life.

Mr Gibbons was born and brought up in West Bromwich and his family ran the The Corner House, Lombard Street, which was also the base for the Baggies supporters club, before moving to the Watling Trough, Walsall. The former Blue Coat School pupil said he initially wanted to teach art, but soon found he was better at coaching football.

His coaching career started at Walsall Football Club, before he moved to the Albion in 1984 to coach in the school of excellence. He said: "I was in charge of the youth 17 team, and coached the likes of Lee Hughes. In fact in my first year I had seven lads turn professional." He said: "There is immense talent out there."

Demolition work close to finishing

A PRIME site for multi-million pound regeneration plans in Walsall is in the final stages of being completely cleared.

Buildings in Hatherton Street, including the former 100-year-old home of engineering firm Noirt and the Fitters Arms pub, have been demolished.

The land is earmarked for regeneration for the £400 million Gigaport scheme to create an office corridor.

A demolition team has been on the site for the last few weeks and clearance of the grounds is now in the last phase.

Interest has been

expressed in developing the land, and it is hoped around 200 jobs will be created.

The Gigaport project has been in the pipeline for more than five years but stalled due to the economic climate.

A high-speed fibre optic communications system that businesses will be able to connect up to forms part of the regeneration scheme.

The aim is to draw in leading firms to fit alongside Walsall College and Walsall Housing Group offices.

The £64m college has already helped to kick-start moves to transform that area of the town.

Accountant died after fall

A MAN died following a fall down the stairs of his Pelsall home, an inquest heard. Accountant Stephen Kevin Tyler was taken to Walsall Manor Hospital on August 11 after the fall. Black Country Coroner Robin Balmain told the hearing at Smethwick Coroners Office last week: "He was taken to hospital where it was diagnosed that he had a ruptured spleen and he had intra abdominal bleeding." The 40-year-old died at the hospital later on that day. The hearing heard that Mr Tyler's wife had died in October and his father died in March. Mr Balmain said: "I don't believe his death was entirely natural, and therefore I will adjourn this hearing for further inquiries."

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NEWS

Mandy takes on top spot at pharmacy

A GRADUATE from Wolverhampton has climbed up the ladder to be appointed as manager at a pharmacy in Walsall. Mandy Ghataore from Tettenhall, has been appointed to the Midcounties Co-operative Pharmacy on Chapel Street following four years with the society.

The 24 year-old joined Midcounties as a pharmacy student in 2008, while studying at Keele University in Staffordshire. She stayed with the business to complete her

pre-registration year before qualifying as a pharmacist in 2011.

Mandy then started full time as a relief manager, which required her to travel around the Wolverhampton and Walsall region supporting pharmacists in store.

When a position for a manager became available in the Walsall branch, Mandy was ready to step up. She said: "I'm thrilled to have been given the opportunity."

Soul night set to raise cash for cancer charity

A LIVE band, barbecue and raffle will help to raise money for Cancer Research during a charity fundraiser in Essington.

It has been organised at The Range in Broad Lane for this weekend where staff will also be donating half their wages for the cause.

Ruby Spyder will be performing a mix of 60s to present day hits including soul and Motown from 5pm this Sunday.

There will also be a disco and raffle with prizes such as a golf day at Market Drayton, overnight stay at a hotel in Birmingham and free car service.

Staff at The Range, which has a driving range and indian restaurant, have decided to support Cancer Research after the loss of two customers and friends in the last 12 months.

There have also been some visitors who have undergone treatment and successfully come through the illness.

Money raised goes towards Cancer Research and also Sam Hackett, who is doing the Great North Run next month and next London Marathon in aid of the cause.

Manager Tracey Boydall said: "We are looking to raise as much money as we can."

Tickets are £5 and available at the bar or by visiting www.therange.net website.



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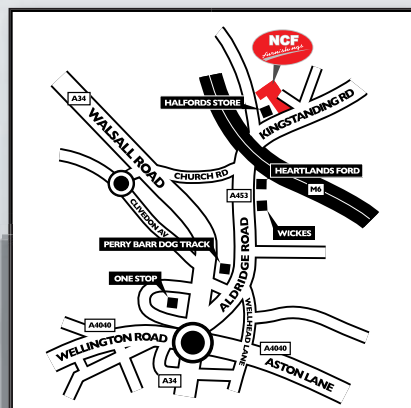
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NEWS

Horses seized in bid to halt problem of strays

BAILIFFS have seized eight horses on council land in a £12,000 bid to round up strays in Walsall.

A total of £12,000 has been spent rounding up horses roaming the streets of Walsall in the past year, it has been revealed.

And it has been claimed the move has helped drive down the problem of illegal horse grazing which was at one point so bad, there were 80 stray horses in the borough.

Council chiefs claim there were no stray horses at the last count, falling from 40 earlier this year.

Leader Mike Bird said: "We are pleased to say that the situation regarding illegal horse grazing on council land has improved significantly from an estimated 40 horses to none at the last count in July."

"In total, the bailiffs working on behalf of the council have removed eight horses that were left on council land to graze."

"The safety and well-being of both our residents and the horses is our primary concern and we are delighted that this problem has greatly improved."

It comes after a crackdown in which specialist bailiffs were appointed to round stray animals up. Notices were also placed at hotspots, warning owners horses would be impounded if left to graze.

Permanent signs were put up in Goscote, Pelsall, Shelfield and Darlaston last autumn. Permanent "no horses allowed" signs have been put up in open space at Ross Farm, off Goscote Lane; Nest Common, Pelsall; Brook Meadow open space off Stubbers Green Road, Shelfield, Great Bridge Road and George Rose Park, Darlaston.

Road is turned one way

A ONE-WAY system that was introduced in Bloxwich on Monday to allow work to take place on a gas main renewal scheme, will remain until September 2. Restrictions will operate on Field Road, with a northbound traffic flow only. The scheme is being carried out by West Midlands Gas Alliance on behalf of National Grid Gas.

Town group ready for action



Emma Harewood, manager of Co-op Travel, Nikki Rolls, regeneration officer for Bloxwich, and Kenny Wallace, landlord of the Prince of Wales pub show that Bloxwich is ready for business

AN ACTION group established to breathe new life into Bloxwich has secured thousands of pounds to drive improvements.

The Bloxwich Business Partnership, which has 150 members, will now decide how to spend the £16,500 it has raised since March.

Councillor Adrian Andrews, deputy leader of Walsall Council and portfolio holder for regeneration, welcomed the group's contribution to the town.

"As a social enterprise the partnership brings members together to

share their expertise and vision for improving Bloxwich town centre," he said.

"They can apply for external funding and grants, which will allow them to pursue large-scale improvement projects in the community."

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NEWS

Bus staff at a loss over list of items left behind

FROM zimmer frames and walking sticks to wads of cash and even children – around 50,000 items are left on buses in the West Midlands every year.

And summer proves to be the busiest time for forgetful passengers.

Staff at National Express West Midlands' lost property departments say they are being kept busy with ever more weird and wonderful finds. So far this year, items include power tools, £2,500 in cash, kitchen equipment and even a rocking chair.

In the past a zimmer frame with false teeth attached, a fully decorated Christmas tree and a computer monitor were left. Items are collected up by staff and taken to one of the company's 10 lost property offices.

These can often be treasure troves of unusual items, which leave staff scratching their heads as to how they ever got left behind. They are kept there for one month before being donated to charity, although around 60 per cent of owners are reunited with their lost property.

Matthew Jukes, lost property co-ordinator for the Wolverhampton garage in Park Street, said: "We reunite as many people as possible with their lost property but with so many items it is a mammoth task."

"The majority of our lost property are standard things such as umbrellas and shopping but now and again we get something which baffles us, such as furniture or false legs."

Mobile phones have become the most commonly left items, followed closely by umbrellas, homework and bus passes. Hundreds of walking sticks have also been left behind.

But it is in summer that staff see an increase in the number of items left behind and have issued a warning to passengers.

Mr Jukes added: "Summer is a really busy time for lost property. Lots of people are travelling, and most of them are on days out or visiting friends, so they are in a rush."



Lost property co-ordinator Matthew Jukes with just a few items left

Items left include children

Ten of the most notable items left behind on National Express West Midlands buses recently are: A zimmer frame with false teeth attached to it; £4,000 in cash; a tuba which was left behind on five separate occasions; a four-foot tall mirror; a brand new Vivienne Westwood wallet; a baby walker; a Christmas tree; a wedding ring; a computer monitor; and children.

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CLUB NEWS

Pounding bounds in fundraiser

KIDDERMINSTER SOROPTIMISTS

AS the club takes a break in August, recent activities have shown the enthusiasm, interest and support for the local community.

Several members raised £100 for the West Midlands Air Ambulance when they 'Pounded the Bounds' in the annual walk around Rock Parish in May.

The club is also supporting the newly-formed Kidderminster Food Bank based at Baxter Church. Since opening, it has helped a number of needy families.

Members continue to donate much-needed toiletries for Nightstop, which provides emergency accommodation and support for young people aged 16 to 25.

Violence Against Women - Stop It Now! campaign also continues.

During a three-day weekend in May, the club welcomed members from its Friendship Link Club SI Heidelberg, Doris, Margaret and Cornelia and friends.

Activities were co-ordinated by Elke Jury and included taking in the sights around Bewdley, Bridgnorth, Cleve Hills, Cleobury, Ironbridge, Kinver, Ludlow, Much Wenlock, Stourport and Worcester before they departed following a tour of Birmingham city centre. The visitors made a generous donation to charity funds as a thank you.

For more details regarding the activities and membership, call Elke Jury 01299 266101 or email on kidderminstersorop@gmail.com or look at www.sigbi.org

Jubilee quiz ends an enjoyable afternoon



Townswomen Guild members have a promotional stand at Morrisons in Aldridge

ALDRIDGE TG

MEMBERS dressed in red, white and blue for a Jubilee celebration with a street party theme. Music from the 1950s was played. A Jubilee quiz ended an enjoyable afternoon.

Social events are still going strong, the Luncheon Group had 12 members enjoying their lunch at The Whitehouse, Walsall.

A trip to Hereford countryside, Cotswolds towns and villages was a great success. The Black Country Living Museum in September is selling well and a visit to the Organ Chase Cinema, Cannock has been booked for November. A Christmas meal has also

been booked for The Terrace Restaurant. July's speaker was Audrey Hall talking about 'Taking Shirley Valentine to Greece'.

Also in July, committee members took a stand in the foyer of Morrisons supermarket, Aldridge to promote the Guild. The next meeting is on September 24 from 2pm at Aldridge Community Centre. Molly Murray will talk about 'The Little Black Dress'.

Putting on The Ritz to celebrate

SHELFIELD AFTERNOON TOWNSWOMEN

SHELFIELD Afternoon Townswomen's Guild is going from strength to strength. Although a fairly new club, members are thoroughly enjoying themselves.

The club recently visited Chatsworth House, had a fabulous 'The Ritz' garden party to celebrate the Jubilee, and will visit Powis

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NEWS

Memorial dedicated to honour RAF war hero



James Lucas's grand-daughter Justine Lucas, his son Michael Lucas, a bugler, and other son Stephen Lucas at the memorial

A SERVICE of dedication was held at a new memorial for an RAF war hero who won the Distinguished Flying Cross in the Second World War.

Flight Lieutenant James Lucas of Wednesbury joined the RAF at 22, and took part in dozens of missions. He spent 296 hours in the air for his country.

He was honoured with the DFC in October 1945. This was in addition to the 1939-45 Star, Air Crew Star with a France and Germany bar, a Defence Medal and War Medal he had already received.

In January 2001 the father of three, and grandfather, died at 82, and his family wanted to create a lasting memorial to him.

They have now unveiled a memorial bench at The National Memorial Arboretum in Alrewas. There is also a blue plaque on his former home in Chestnut Road.

Bombers

The service of dedication was taken by Father Kevin Palmer of Wednesbury, and representatives of the West Bromwich Branch of the Royal Air Forces Association and the Wednesbury War Memorial Group were there.

Mr Lucas was a former Wednesbury Boy's High School pupil and in the early years of the war was a draughtsman, designing bomb-proof doors.

After he volunteered for the RAF his first posting was at St Eval with Coastal Command, where he flew Whitley aircraft.

In July 1943 he was transferred to Brighton with 78 Squadron, where he flew Halifax bombers.

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FOCUS ON ALDRIDGE**Officer is dedicated for Barr Beacon**

A NEW officer appointed to help boost community use at Barr Beacon, Aldridge, has been welcomed by councillors.

Martin Harrison has been appointed for three years to boost activities at the landmark.

It comes as a £440,000 Heritage Lottery funded project to restore Barr Beacon gets under way.

Mr Harrison will work with residents, community groups, voluntary groups, schools and others to "maximise Barr Beacon's potential".

Councillor Adrian Andrew, chairman of the Barr Beacon Trust, said: "We're delighted to welcome Martin to Walsall in this important role, which is all about involving local residents."

The three-year restoration project will see the war memorial monument, which has been hit by metal thieves, restored.

Rugby club conversion

WORK on a £350,000 clubhouse at blaze-hit Aldridge Rugby Club is on track to be finished next month.

It is watertight and electrical work is taking place. The club secured £120,000 from two sports bodies to start the project that will enable it to introduce more teams. It is suspected arson caused the damage at the Bourne Vale site in 2009.

Firefighters call for support in station of the year contest

FIREFIGHTERS from Aldridge are urging people to get behind them as they aim to be named the West Midlands' station of the year. Aldridge Fire Station is one of five shortlisted for the accolade.

by Catherine Dalton

It follows a dedicated community campaign to make Aldridge and Brownhills a safer place to live, which has resulted in minor arson and anti-social behaviour fires falling by some 70 per cent.

There has also been a 50 per cent fall in arson vehicle blazes.

Fire chiefs are calling on the people of Aldridge to show their support if they think the station deserves to be recognised in the Aspire Awards.

Watch commander Steve Palmer, from white watch, today said workers were "delighted" to have been shortlisted for the award.

He said he believed the crews' proactive community work had earned them the nomination.

Projects

"We're really pleased to be nominated then shortlisted and it would be great if people in Aldridge would log on to vote for us if they think we have been doing a good job," he said.

"As a station we have been driving forward some real community projects."

Firefighters have carried out visits in areas where there has been a history of fires, offering safety advice

and smoke alarms. Mr Palmer said crews had also been contacting businesses to see if they need any help or advice in attaining all the necessary fire regulation certificates.

Local doctors surgeries and community groups who go out into homes in Aldridge have also been contacted, urging them to be another pair of eyes to highlight possible fire hazards.

In the online voting page, it says: "All staff at Aldridge Fire Station continually strive for improvement, resulting in a hugely valuable contribution to their local community."

"The police have stated that Aldridge Young Firefighters Association, aimed at 10 to 15 year olds, facilitated by volunteers, has changed the lives of many of the young people who have taken part."

Winners of the West Midlands Fire Service Aspire Awards will be announced on October 12.

Voting, which can be done at www.wmfs.net, closes on September 7.

Other crews shortlisted are Sheldon, Stourbridge, Bilston and Binley.



Ready for a starlit stroll in aid of St Giles are, clockwise from left, Rachel Gould, Melanie Mann, Hannah Richardson, Margaret Bott, Jenny Chin and Sharon White

Women's night walk to boost hospice

WOMEN are being urged to sign up for the Starlight Walk being held in Aldridge in aid of St Giles Walsall Hospice.

Participants can choose between a 3.75 mile course or the 7.5 mile trek - that's one or two laps of the village.

The female-only fundraiser takes place on Saturday, September 22, from Aldridge Community Centre at 8pm. Entry £15.

Hundreds of women are expected to turn up in fancy dress for the fun-filled fundraiser.

Limited

Helen Relihan, Head of Fundraising for St Giles, said: "There's still plenty of time left for women to sign up to the Starlight Walk - but with places strictly limited, it's best to act now."

"This poignant evening walk is an ideal way for women of all fitness levels to remember a loved one or to support St Giles."

Call (01922) 602528 or visit www.stgileshospice.com/starlightwalk website.

Plans for 40 homes at school site axed

MOVES to build more than 40 homes on the site of a former school in Aldridge are in doubt after plans were withdrawn.

The scheme for the old Redhouse JMI, Gorsey Way, were lodged with Walsall Council and included three and four-bedroom houses.

Properties have been earmarked as part of a transformation of the site for residential purposes.

Plans for a £300,000 community centre were recently scrapped because of a lack of interest. There were concerns from residents about having such a centre.

The project had been in the pipeline for a number of years after funding was set aside and had been concerns about the lack of a building for community events.

The school closed in 2006 due to falling pupil numbers and was demolished after a series of fires. The council most recently approved 24 homes on the site.

Fun event fit for purpose

THE first Aldridge Family Fit 'n' Fun Day has been declared a triumph with hundreds of people seeking advice on healthy living.

The event at Aldridge Community Centre was organised by Walsall Area Partnership and supported by NHS Walsall, police and fire service.

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NEWS

Congestion fears over car wash plan

PLANS FOR a car wash on the site of a former Bloxwich petrol filling station have been called in by a councillor amid concerns over traffic and environmental issues. An application for a hand car wash for three years has been submitted to Walsall Council for Field Service Station, Lichfield Road. It would be open seven days a week by one part-time and two full-time staff. Proposals for a convenience store were rejected last year because of site layout and parking concerns. Ward councillor Shaun Fitzpatrick has called in the application. There have also been five objections over congestion, noise and drainage but members of the planning committee are being recommended to grant permission for the car wash at its meeting today (Thursday).

Pitch perfect prize for sports bar



Toasting their title, supervisor Ben Jones and waitress Natasha Woolery at The Pitch sports bar

A SPORTS pub in Walsall has secured the title of being the best in the Midlands. The Pitch Sports Bar and Grill in Bridge Street was named the top drinking venue across the East and West Midlands and Wales. It beat off competition from numerous sports venues across the region in the Great British Pub Awards. The pub will now go forward to the UK title final at the Hilton Hotel, London, on September 13, going head to head with three other regional winners.

Derelict site will get big revamp

DEVELOPERS behind plans for a two-storey leisure and shops complex in the centre of Walsall say they want to create a "vibrant" place. A 1.3 acre derelict site near to Tesco is to be transformed within the next 18 months to create businesses and jobs. A formal application to develop 45,000 sq ft of retail and leisure space over two floors is now expected to be put forward by Cordwell Leisure within the next few months. The site, owned between Tesco and Walsall Council, is being dubbed the Littleton Centre and is anticipated to include shops, restaurant and leisure facilities. There has already been strong interest from both retail and leisure operators for new space within the town centre. Malcolm Wilcox of Cordwell Leisure, said: "We are delighted to have been selected by the council and Tesco to create this leisure and retail venue. "It will serve the town centre not only during the day but as a vibrant place to visit during the evening. "Its position next to the Tesco Extra and its high profile position on the ring road will no doubt make it an attractive location to operators."

Concert to help church

A CHURCH in Willenhall is holding a fundraising concert next month to boost its restoration appeal. Short Heath Singers will perform at Holy Trinity, Short Heath, on September 8 from 7.30pm. Brindley Sherratt, from English National Opera, will also perform. Tickets cost £5. A restoration appeal to raise £65,000 was launched last year, and more than £4,000 has since been pulled in towards repairs to the church, which dates back to the 1850s.



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REVIEWS

Mirror Mirror is a Snow White update

DVDs

FAIRY tale revamps have been all the rage recently, particularly the story of Snow White. We have had Once Upon A Time and Grimm on TV and the movies Snow White and the Huntsman and **Mirror Mirror** (PG).

The latter is now on DVD and is a good-looking enjoyable romp reminiscent of The Princess Bride and Time Bandits. There is plenty of humour but the movie lacks menace as Julia Roberts' queen is more bitchy than bad.

Western fans will enjoy handsome horse opera **Comanche Moon** (12), a two-disc epic from US TV based on part of Larry McMurtry's best-selling Lonesome Dove. The excellent trio of Val Kilmer, Steve Zahn and Karl Urban play Texas Rangers in the 1850s.

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Julia Roberts portrays the evil queen, left, and Lily Collins is Snow White in **Mirror Mirror**

A Dream-like production

A Midsummer Night's Dream (As You Like It),
Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon

RUSSIAN director Dmitry Krymov and his Moscow company's original take on 'the Dream' for the World Shakespeare Festival was to ditch it entirely and instead perform their version of the play within the play, Pyramus and Thisbe.

This highly imaginative production blended drama, circus, opera and the spirit of Monty Python... it even had an acrobatic dog who, inevitably, stole the show.

Spectacle

In a set designed like an unfinished theatre, the Russian company brought along their own audience members to pass cynical remarks about the tragic love story performed by these 'rude mechanicals', as

Shakespeare called the workmen turned actors.

There were English captions on screen for the Russian dialogue but this wasn't important as Krymov's play was a spectacle, dream-like and sometimes nightmarish.

The actors manipulated two giant clanking and creaking makeshift puppets of the lovers Pyramus and Thisbe. Their interaction to beautifully sung German operatic arias was eerie, funny and poignant at the same time.

Krymov's play had a short run at the theatre but will live long in the memories of those who saw it.

Leon Burakowski

LB

Summer of Arcade lacks 'wow' factor

Xbox360 games

THIS year's Summer of Arcade crop of new titles to download via Xbox Live Arcade have been something of a disappointment, lacking the wow factor of such previous titles as Limbo or Splosion Man.

It began in July with an HD upgrade of **Tony Hawk's Pro Skater**, which will have been enjoyed by the kick and flip crowd, followed by the fun for half an hour **Wreckateer**. This shallow Kinect game blends elements of Angry Birds and Fable as the player uses a catapult to demolish goblins' castles.

Zombie

Sci-fi shooter **Hybrid** jet-packed onto the scene in August. This multi-player only title does have plenty of plus points but those seeking deathmatch thrills are better catered for elsewhere.

That brings us to the season's best two titles, both side-scrolling games, the moody zombie survival title **Deadlight** and the beautiful looking animated adventure **Dust: An Elysian Tale**.

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Meanwhile, motor racing fans looking for a downloadable new title can get off-road thrills with the efficient dirt-sprayer **Jeremy McGrath's Offroad**.

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NEWS

Terrifying raid couple still suffer nightmares

A DARLASTON businessman told today how he and his partner were targeted by the man who valeted their cars in a terrifying raid on their luxury home – as the man they once trusted started a jail sentence of almost 10 years.

Richard Barnfather also revealed that the frightening ordeal had delayed his planned marriage to fiancée Debbie Leadbetter.

Car valet Nathan McDonald was jailed for his role as one of a masked gang who smashed their way into Mr Barnfather's £1 million converted barn set in 10 acres at Lower Rudge, Pittingham, tying up the couple and ransacking their home.

Mr Barnfather, 48, who runs the Darlaston-based wire manufacturer that carries his name, was hit over the head with a fake gun and his 37-year-old partner attacked by the raiders who fled with a £44,000 haul of jewellery that included her £25,000 diamond solitaire engagement ring.

The gang also took Mr Barnfather's brand new £198,000 Aston Martin, £78,000 Range Rover Vogue and Mercedes SLK.

The stolen vehicles, that all had tracker devices, were dumped in Tipton, Smethwick and Wolverhampton within hours of the robbery on March 9.

Cleaned

Speaking after McDonald was jailed for nine years and eight months at Shrewsbury Crown Court last week Mr Barnfather said: "I think I first met him about four years ago when a car of mine was valeted as part of a Le Mans 24 hour race experience.

"He has cleaned our cars before. He has been down to our house. I feel it has been a total invasion of our privacy."

Mr Barnfather continued: "Psychologically it's had quite an effect and caused us lots of trouble. I just hope we can get ourselves through it. Debbie and myself are going to have to try and pick up the pieces and rebuild our lives. We have sold the cars and we have relocated.

"It has been quite a traumatic time over the last three months. We had hoped to get married but that has



Richard Barnfather

had to be put on hold. We have been abroad twice since this happened and she frequently wakes up after having nightmares thinking people are coming into the house. She has dreams about making her escape from the house. It has really shaken her up.

"She is really nervous and it is going to take her a while to get her confidence back."

The couple were alerted by barks from their German pointer Tilly as they went upstairs to bed and thought they saw something moving outside the house. "I thought I might encounter a badger," said Mr Barnfather.

He went outside to investigate and came face to face with the masked gang who smashed their way into the house as Miss Leadbetter locked the door and dashed upstairs to phone the police. McDonald was arrested after his blood matched stains found inside two of the stolen cars.

An imitation hand gun later found during a search of his home in Merridale, Wolverhampton, was missing a magazine cartridge found outside the Barnfather's home.

The other robbers from the gang have not been traced and McDonald, who pleaded guilty to robbery and possession of an imitation firearm, has been too scared to name them.

Judge Robin Onions told him: "It seems perfectly clear that, armed with the knowledge that he was a man of wealth, you set out to rob him. This must have been the stuff of nightmares."

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From October 25-27 at the Station Street venue, children take the lead role in the MCS Repertory Company production of *Rumpelstiltskin*. It is the group's annual pantomime and the youngsters, one a nine-year-old girl, the other a boy of 14, will perform two shows each as the title character.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday shows are at 7.30 with a Saturday matinee at 2.30. Call 0121 743 4512.

Take a ramble to water park

THE Walsall Group of Ramblers will take part in a seven mile walk around Tamworth on Sunday.

The walk is through Kingsbury Water Park to the RSPB reserve at Middleton Lakes. Non members can attend. For details call 0121 440 7929 or visit www.walsallramblers.co.uk

Blooming great

PEOPLE can make giant blooms at Walsall's New Art Gallery on August 29 and 30. The free drop in sessions will be held from 1pm to 3pm. Visitors can make poppies and delphiniums, inspired by the painting *Summer Garden* at Harting by Theo Garman.

Top acts at V make sure the sun never sets on festival fun

AROUND 90,000 revellers descended on a sun-kissed Weston Park for a V Festival to remember. A host of top acts including The Stone Roses, The Killers, Tinie Tempah, Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds, Snow Patrol and Ed Sheeran wowed jubilant crowds over the two-day event.

Comedians get crowds rocking with laughter

IT WAS not all about the music at V Festival – a fourth stage provided welcome relief for the eardrums as some of the UK's top comedians had people laughing in the aisles.

Sean Lock and Milton Jones were among those to perform as fans lapped up the classic varied assortment of acts found at V every year.

And Tim Minchin's unique brand of musical comedy proved particularly popular.

After bounding on stage like a rock star, piano player Minchin, who was born in England and raised in Australia, launched into an entirely musical set.

An adoring crowd either hung on his every word or sang along in unison as Minchin tackled issues such as religion or prejudice, all approached with his trademark cheeky grin.

Despite a mixed forecast there was glorious sunshine on both days, although wellies were still part of the V uniform as areas of the campsite and music arena turned into mud baths thanks to overnight rain.

But a bit of mud could not dampen the spirits of the huge crowds who enjoyed V's usual eclectic mix of acts.

Saturday's headliners, and long-time V favourites, The Killers produced an exhilarating set, drawing songs from their three top 10 albums and previewing new material from the as-yet unreleased *Battle Born*.

Old favourites Madness and Tom Jones and hot new things Emeli Sande and Frank Turner attracted huge crowds.

There was a Britpop flavour to the 4Music stage thanks to Dodgy, Shed Seven and The Charlatans, while Noel Gallagher's Oasis-heavy set was the perfect excuse for an evening sing-song.

Other big hits over the weekend were Example, David Guetta, Olly Murs, Rizzle Kicks, Keane and Wolverhampton songstress Beverley Knight.

But fans of Nicki Minaj were left disappointed when she cancelled her appearance at the last minute citing strained vocal chords, with LMFAO filling in her headline slot.

Tickets for next year's V Festival were due to go on sale from 9am on Wednesday, at 2012 prices.



Stone Roses Ian Brown during their storming set

Oh, yes, they are adored!

Stone Roses

THEY were making their V Festival debut shortly after reforming following a 15-year hiatus. But Manchester indie rockers The Stone Roses – arguably the biggest draw of the weekend – seemed right at home on the V stage as they delivered a storming set.

In front of a jubilant crowd the Roses rattled off hit after hit in a performance lasting 90 minutes.

Front man Ian Brown welcomed the crowd by saying "Yeah? We're The Stone Roses" before launching into seminal Manchester song *I Wanna Be Adored*.

After such a big build-up to what could be their final festival appearance in the UK, the first half of the show seemed a little low key, but the quartet moved through the gears in the second half with a string of anthems.

Fools' Gold and Love Spreads earned wild appreciation from the crowd before *The Is The One* and *She Bangs The Drums* preceded hallmark set-closer *I Am The Resurrection*.

There were hugs all round from the grinning band – whose relations became severely strained after their split in 1996 – when they took unrestrained acclaim as a spectacular fireworks display polished things off perfectly for the weekend.

Tim Spiers

Aussie choir on stage at church

AN award-winning Australian choir will be performing at a Walsall church next month.

The Australian Voices will appear at St Jude's Church, Eldon Street, on September 30 at 7pm.

Tickets cost £15 for adults £12 for concessions and £6 for children. Call 02032866786.

The Australian Voices formed in 1993 and has performed in venues across the world.

Winner Tom takes to the bandstand

A SUMMER bandstand concert featuring the winner of Willenhall's Got Talent will take place in the town's Memorial Park on Sunday (AUG 26).

Singer Tom Edis will perform songs from the 50s, 60s and 70s by artists such as Frank Sinatra and Tom Jones.

The free concert will take place at the park, off Pinson Road, from 2pm to 4pm.

Pointing to the ball

A CHARITY summer ball is being held at the Fingerpost pub in Pelsall in aid of County Air Ambulance and Macmillan. It takes place in Norton Road on Saturday (Aug 25) from 7pm and includes a three course meal, singer and champagne reception.

Tickets are £30 and available by calling Cheryl on 01922 693707.



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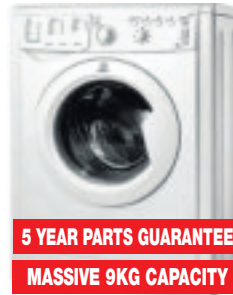
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What's On!

SATURDAY'S TV 25.08.12

CHOICE



Katie Derham

BBC Proms 2012
BBC2, 8pm

It's easy to classify 19th-century theatrical duo Gilbert and Sullivan's works as comedies. However that viewpoint fails to take into account the fabulously dark operetta *The Yeomen of the Guard*, which is performed here in a partial staging from the Royal Albert Hall in London. Jane Glover conducts the BBC Concert Orchestra and BBC Singers through the piece, which features baritone Leigh Melrose as Lt Sir Richard Cholmondeley, alongside tenor Andrew Kennedy, soprano Lisa Milne and mezzos Victoria Simmonds and Felicity Palmer. Katie Derham presents.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** Lorraine's Fast, Fresh and Easy Food. (R) **12.00** BBC News. Regional News. Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Jessica Ennis: Golden Girl. **1.30** British Olympic Dreams. **2.00** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League Final. Leeds Rhinos v Warrington Wolves (Kick-off 2.30pm). With commentary by Dave Woods and Jonathan Davies, and analysis by Brian Noble and Ian Millward. **5.00** BBC News. Regional News. Weather. **5.20** All New Total Wipeout.

6.20 Film: *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl*. (2003) A rogue captain and a blacksmith set sail to rescue a governor's daughter from feared supernatural pirates. Swashbuckling fantasy adventure, starring Johnny Depp and Orlando Bloom.

8.30 *The National Lottery: Secret Fortune*. High-tension quiz show presented by Nick Knowles in which contestants have the opportunity to win £100,000.

9.20 *Casualty*. A baby's condition suddenly deteriorates and it is left to Tom to revive her. Tamzin and Jeff attend to a lap dancer who has collapsed, and Sam attempts to unravel a mystery.

10.10 BBC News. Weather. **10.30** *Match of the Day*. Gary Lineker presents highlights of today's Premier League clashes, including Chelsea v Newcastle United at Stamford Bridge and Manchester United v Fulham at Old Trafford. National Lottery Update.

12.00 The Football League Show. **1.15** Weather. **1.20** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00** Film: *Homeward Bound II: Lost in San Francisco*. (1996) **1.25** Film: *Gymnast*. (2011) Documentary following gymnasts training for the 2008 Olympics. **2.55** Film: *Tara Road*. (2005) Drama, starring Andie MacDowell and Olivia Williams. **4.30** Final Score. **5.15** Coast. (R) **5.45** The Hairy Bikers' Food Tour of Britain. (R)

6.30 *Flag It* James Lewis and David Fletcher view items at the Palace Theatre in Kilmarnock. East Ayrshire, while Paul Martin visits the only factory in the world still making Nottingham lace. (R)

7.30 *Dad's Army*. The ARP wardens' HQ is bombed, forcing them to rub shoulders with the Home Guard in the church hall. Comedy, starring Arthur Lowe, Bill Pertwee and John Le Mesurier. (R)

8.00 *BBC Proms 2012*. From the Royal Albert Hall, Jane Glover conducts the BBC Concert Orchestra and BBC Singers in a production of Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta *The Yeomen of the Guard*.

10.30 *TOTP2*. Mark Radcliffe introduces archive performances by Fine Young Cannibals, Badfinger, Kriss Kross, Elvis Costello, Luisa Sobral and Cyndi Lauper. Last in the series. (R)

11.30 Film: *Before Sunrise*. (1995) An American and a Frenchwoman meet by chance on a train and form a close bond during a day in Vienna. Richard Linklater's romantic drama, starring Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy.

1.10 Film: *Once*. (2006) **2.30** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.20** CITV. **8.25** Saturday Cookbook. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** The Real Housewives of New York City. **12.20** The Real Housewives of New York City. **1.20** ITV News. Weather. **1.25** The Hit Factory: The Stock Aitken & Waterman Story. (R) **2.25** Countrywise. **3.00** Film: *A View to a Kill*. (1985) **5.30** Regional Programme. Weather. **5.45** ITV News. Weather.

6.00 *You've Been Framed* Extreme! Harry Hill narrates a selection of some of the most extreme clips filmed by viewers, featuring various trampolines and a bike rider enduring an uncomfortable landing. (R)

7.00 *Red or Black?* Including target practice with footballers Darren Bent and Bobby Zamora.

7.45 *The X Factor*. Spice Girl Mel B joins Gary Barlow, Tulisa and Louis Walsh at the Manchester auditions, where more aspiring pop stars take to the stage. Dermot O'Leary hosts.

9.00 *Red or Black?* **9.45** *The Jonathan Ross Show*. Suranne Jones talks about her comedy *A Touch of Cloth*. Ray Winstone discusses his new film *The Sweeney* and Formula One ace Jensen Button also drops in.

10.45 ITV News. Weather. **11.00** Film: *Duplicity*. (2009) Thriller, starring Julia Roberts and Clive Owen.

1.15 The Store: ITV News. Headlines. **3.05** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Hoobs. (R) **6.25** British Formula Ford Championship. **6.55** BG Energy Challenge. **7.25** The Grid. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: V Festival 2012: The Best Bits. (R) **9.25** T4: iTunes Festival 2012: Preview. **9.45** T4: New Girl. **10.15** T4: Revenge. **11.15** T4: Suburgatory. **11.50** T4: Summer Daze. **12.25** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.55** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.20** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **3.55** The Simpsons. (R) **4.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.55** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.25 *Come Dine with Me*. Denis Verrier hosts the final dinner party in Bath. (R)

6.55 *Channel 4 News*. **7.25** *4thought*. A Muslim artist shares her thoughts about the female body.

7.30 *Whatever Happened to Harry Hill?* The comedian looks back at his Channel 4 sketch show. (R)

8.30 *Harry Hill*. (R) **9.00** *CA's 30 Greatest Comedy Shows*. Celebrating some of the station's most memorable comedy series, exploring the impact shows including Father Ted, Spaced and The Inbetweeners have had on British TV.

11.05 *CA's Greatest Comedy: The Winner Is*. Two documentaries about the show that won the viewers' poll.

1.10 Vintage Comic Strip: Bad News Tour. (R) **1.45** Comedy Lab: Anna & Katy. (R) **2.10** Happy Endings. **2.35** Film: *Alamar*. (2009) **3.55** St Elsewhere. (R) **4.40** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.35** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.10** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.15** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.25** Celebrity Big Brother: The Eviction. (R) **12.55** Monkey Life. (R) **1.30** Film: *Blue Thunder*. (1983) **3.30** Film: *We'll Meet Again*. (2002) **5.20** Film: *Jesse Stone: No Remorse*. (2010) Premiere. Detective thriller, starring Tom Selleck.

7.05 5 News Weekend.

7.10 NCIS. (R) **8.00** NCIS. Nikki Jardine volunteers to help Tony investigate the murder of a marine in Baghdad – but her behaviour makes him suspect she had an ulterior motive in requesting the assignment. (R)

9.00 *Celebrity Big Brother*. Highlights of the famous housemates' past 24 hours under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother, as they try to get used to living alongside one another.

10.10 *CSI: Miami*. The team travels to the remote island mansion of horror writer Marilyn Milner, whose housekeeper has been found dead with a suspicious bite mark on her neck.

11.10 *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation*. A criminal fleeing the city after committing a murder is involved in a car crash and strangles the other driver to prevent her identifying him. (R)

12.05 SuperCasino. **4.00** HouseBusters. (R) **4.25** Divine Designs. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Fearne and Greg @ Reading
8.00 The Vaccines and Florence and the Machine @ Reading **10.00** Kasabian Live @ Reading

BBC Four
7.00 Africa's Magnificent Beasts
8.00 She-Wolves: England's Early Queens
9.00 Inspector Montalbano
10.40 The Elger: Fatal Attraction
11.40 Doctors in the Death Zone

ITV2
2.40 America's Got Talent **4.30** America's Got Talent: Results **5.25** Film: *Garfield: A Tale of Two Kitties* (2006) **7.00** Film: *About a Boy* (2002) **9.00** Totally Bonkers
Guinness World Records **9.15** The Xtra Factor **10.15** Film: *Mamma Mia!* (2008)

ITV3
4.50 Agatha Christie's Poirot **7.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **9.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot **11.00** A Touch of Frost

ITV4
2.05 Film: *MacArthur* (1977) **4.45** Film: *Shalako* (1968) **7.00** Cycling **8.00** Minder **9.00** Film: *Rocky IV* (1985) **10.55** Film: *The Big Lebowski* (1998)

E4
3.15 Film: *Alvin and the Chipmunks* (2007) **5.00** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** Rules of Engagement **8.30** Suburgatory **9.00** Film: *My Stepmother is an Alien* (1988) **11.10** The Big Bang Theory

Film4
3.05 The Ladykillers (1955) **4.55** Addams Family Values (1993) **6.45** Runaway Bride (1999) Romantic comedy, with Julia Roberts and Richard Gere, with Joan Cusack, Hector Elizondo and Rita Wilson.

9.00 Die Hard 4.0 (2007) Action thriller sequel, starring Bruce Willis. **11.30** Jennifer's Body (2009)

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What's On!

SUNDAY'S TV 26.08.12

CHOICE



Martin Shaw

Inspector George Gently

BBC1, 8.30pm
There's nothing like a good, old-fashioned crime drama to entertain us on a Sunday evening, and they don't come much better than Inspector George Gently. When we catch up with Gently and Bacchus, the year is 1968 and as racial unrest sweeps the US, the National Front is wreaking havoc in Britain. But in Newcastle, racial harmony can be found in dance parties known as "all-nighters". Sadly, the peace and friendship of these events is shattered when a young black girl, Dolores Kenny, is found dead at one of them.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** BBC News. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Country Tracks. (R) Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.00** BBC News. **12.05** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **1.05** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.05** Cash in the Attic. (R) **2.45** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.45** Ocean Giants. (R) **4.45** Songs of Praise. **5.20** The Indian Doctor. (R) **6.05** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **6.30** Britain's Hidden Heritage. Paul Martin travels to Co Down to visit Mount Stewart country house and Clare Balding heads to Staffordshire to learn about Lichfield Cathedral's stained glass. **7.30** Countryfile. Adam Henson recalls some of the team's favourite editions featuring livestock. Matt Baker seeks help from his family at lambing time in County Durham, and goats visit the dentist. **8.30** Inspector George Gently. New series. The detective investigates the murder of young black woman Dolores Kenny, a regular at a local club's northern soul all-nighters. **10.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **10.25** Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Liverpool v Manchester City. **11.25** in with the Flynn. (R) **11.55** Film: Flashbacks of a Fool. (2008) Drama, starring Daniel Craig. **1.40** Weather. **1.45** Sign Zone: The Dark Nature's Nighttime World. (R) **2.45** Hobby City. (R) **3.45** Amish: A Secret Life. (R) **4.45** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** The Great British Bake Off. (R) **12.30** MotoGP. **2.00** Live Athletics. **5.00** Oceans. (R) **6.00** TOTP2: Summertime Special. Archive summer sounds, featuring songs by the Undertones, Bananarama, Bay City Rollers, Fun Boy Three, the Style Council, Martha and the Muffins, Bryan Adams, Girls Aloud and ELO. (R) **7.00** Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May put three supercars through their paces in Italy and look forward to some of 2012's most exciting cars. With guest Will.i.am. (R) **8.00** Exploring China: A Culinary Adventure. Ching-He Huang and Ken Hom embark on the final leg of their journey by exploring Cantonese cuisine in Guangzhou, before visiting their ancestral homes. (R) **9.00** Toughest Place to Be a Ferryman. Colin Window, a bridge officer on east London's Woolwich ferry, travels to Bangladesh's capital Dhaka to work on the Buriganga river – one of the world's busiest waterways. **10.00** Murder. Drama, starring Karla Crome and Joe Dempsie. **11.00** Film: A Guide to Recognising Your Saints. (2006) Dito Montiel's autobiographical drama about his struggle to escape his roots in the crime-ridden New York of the 1990s. Starring Robert Downey Jr. **12.35** Film: Adam & Paul. (2004) **2.00** BBC News. **4.25** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.20** CITV. **8.25** Dinner Date. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** House Gift. (R) **10.25** There's No Taste Like Home. (R) **11.25** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.40** The X Factor. (R) **1.55** The Unforgettable Pat Phoenix. (R) **2.25** Film: Columbo: The Endless Winter. **8.00** Will & Grace. (R) **8.30** Will & Grace. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.25** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.25** Jamie Does Andalucia. (R) **1.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.20** The Simpsons. (R) **2.50** The Simpsons. (R) **3.20** Three in a Bed. (R) **4.20** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.25** Deal or No Deal. **6.20** Channel 4 News. **6.50** 4thought.tv. A transsexual comedian reveals how she feels about her body. **6.55** Film: X-Men Origins: Wolverine. (2009) The mutant hero returns to his military unit seeking revenge as he is drawn into a battle with his psychotic brother. Superhero prequel, starring Hugh Jackman. **9.00** Peter Kay Live at the Manchester Arena. A performance recorded in 2003. (R) **10.00** Bad Sugar. Spoof melodrama, starring Sharon Horgan, Olivia Colman and Julia Davis. **10.50** Black Books. (R) **11.20** Dylan Moran Live: Yeah, Yeah. **12.25** Comedy Lab: Dynamo's Estate of Mind. (R) **12.55** Da Ali G Show. (R) **1.30** Comedy Lab: Ricky Gervais – Golden Years. (R) **1.55** The Mark Thomas Comedy Product. (R) **2.25** Happy Endings. **2.50** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.50** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.45** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** Ironman 2012. **7.00** Channel 4 Presents – Lee Pearson "Lone Rider". (R) **7.05** Road to London 2012: Paralympics Extra. Profiles of four athletes likely to dominate their events. Last in the series. **7.35** Surfing Special: The Endless Winter. **8.00** Will & Grace. (R) **8.30** Will & Grace. (R) **8.55** Frasier. (R) **9.25** Frasier. (R) **10.00** Sunday Brunch. **12.25** Jamie Does Andalucia. (R) **1.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.20** The Simpsons. (R) **2.50** The Simpsons. (R) **3.20** Three in a Bed. (R) **4.20** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.25** Deal or No Deal. **6.20** Channel 4 News. **6.50** 4thought.tv. A transsexual comedian reveals how she feels about her body. **6.55** Film: X-Men Origins: Wolverine. (2009) The mutant hero returns to his military unit seeking revenge as he is drawn into a battle with his psychotic brother. Superhero prequel, starring Hugh Jackman. **9.00** Peter Kay Live at the Manchester Arena. A performance recorded in 2003. (R) **10.00** Bad Sugar. Spoof melodrama, starring Sharon Horgan, Olivia Colman and Julia Davis. **10.50** Black Books. (R) **11.20** Dylan Moran Live: Yeah, Yeah. **12.25** Comedy Lab: Dynamo's Estate of Mind. (R) **12.55** Da Ali G Show. (R) **1.30** Comedy Lab: Ricky Gervais – Golden Years. (R) **1.55** The Mark Thomas Comedy Product. (R) **2.25** Happy Endings. **2.50** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.50** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.45** Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** City of the Flowerpots. (R) **6.25** City of Friends. (R) **6.40** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Abby's Flying Fairy School. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **7.25** Play! (R) **7.35** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.45** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.15** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.30** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.45** Jelly Jam. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers Samurai. **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.10** Looney Tunes. (R) **11.20** Celebrity Big Brother. (R) **12.30** World's Scariest Near Misses. (R) **1.20** Film: What About Bob? (1991) **3.10** Film: The Kid. (2000) **5.20** Mutt Ugly: World's Ugliest Dog. (R) **6.20** Film: Beauty and the Beast. (1991) Premiere. Disney animated fantasy, with the voice of Paige O'Hara. **8.00** Once Upon a Time. Emma and Regina are forced to work together to help Henry. Last in the series. **8.55** 5 News Weekend. **9.00** Celebrity Big Brother. The ups and downs of BB life. **10.00** Film: Two Weeks Notice. Romantic comedy, starring Sandra Bullock. (2002) **11.55** Frontline Police. (R) **12.55** SuperCasino. **4.00** Sons of Anarchy. **4.50** Rough Guide to Bang for Your Buck. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Kaiser Chiefs and Django Django @ Reading. **8.00** The Black Keys and Two Door Cinema Club @ Reading. **9.00** Foo Fighters Live @ Reading. **10.00** Family Guy. **10.45** Bad Education. **11.15** Foo Fighters @ Reading
BBC Four
7.00 Himalaya with Michael Palin. **8.00** The Thirties in Colour. **9.00** Film: Brideshead Revisited (2008). **11.05** Wilderness Explored
ITV2
3.10 Film: Free Willy 3: The Rescue (1997) **5.00** Film: Beethoven (1991) **6.45** The X Factor. **8.00** The Xtra Factor. **9.00** Benidorm. **10.00** Lemon La Vida Loca. **10.45** Film: The Fugitive (1993)
ITV3
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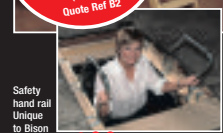
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Film Choices

MONDAY

Eagle Eye, BBC1, 11.20pm

Two strangers find themselves on the run from the authorities when they receive mysterious phone calls informing them their lives are in danger. They are forced to follow the instructions of a woman who is tracking their every move, while at the same time trying to discover who is behind the conspiracy. Thriller, starring Shia LaBeouf, Michelle Monaghan, Rosario Dawson and Michael Chiklis. (2008)

TUESDAY

Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, Channel 4, 1.50pm

Two notorious outlaws' routine of bank and train robberies is cut short when a seemingly unstoppable posse is formed to catch them. The pair plan to flee America and start a new life in Bolivia, with the Sundance Kid's schoolmistress lover in tow – but staying ahead of the law is not so easy. Western, starring Paul Newman, Robert Redford and Katharine Ross. (1969)



Eagle Eye, Monday, BBC1, 11.20pm

WEDNESDAY

The Jacket, ITV1, 10.35pm

A marine discharged from service for injury-related amnesia finds himself accused of murder and declared insane. Sent to an asylum, he is subjected to increasingly brutal treatment – but the so-called therapy has an unexpected effect on his mental state. Psychological thriller, starring Adrian Brody, Keira Knightley, Kris Kristofferson, Jennifer Jason Leigh and Kelly Lynch. (2005)

THURSDAY

A Running Jump, Channel 4, 11.50pm

A man's attempt to buy a second-hand car in London's East End becomes surprisingly complicated when he crosses paths with a selection of colourful characters, including a rogue trader and his unusual family. Mike Leigh's short comedy, commissioned for the London 2012 festival, starring Lee Ingleby, Eddie Marsan, Samantha Spiro, Robert Punt, Danielle Bird, Nichole Bird and Sam Kelly. (2012)

FRIDAY

Stay Alive, ITV1, 10.45pm

Youngsters get their hands on a mysterious and grisly video game and immediately start to play. But while battling for the highest score, they begin to realise that the deadly virtual events are becoming a reality – and race against time to pull the plug on the real-life killings. Horror, starring Jon Foster, Samaira Armstrong, Frankie Muniz, Jimmi Simpson, Wendell Pierce, Sophia Bush, Adam Goldberg and Milo Ventimiglia. (2006)

Pick of the Week

Hoping to keep the feel good factor going

We're a sturdy old nation if nothing else. For those of us who sat through the nail-biting Olympic Games – from the opening ceremony through the emotional wins and near-wins of Team GB, to that surprise-laden closing ceremony, we have certainly done ourselves proud.

The eyes of the world have been on us since we celebrated the Queen's Jubilee back in June, and we haven't once crumbled – but the pressure is far from off, as the next stint of the Games is officially declared open in London 2012 Paralympic Games Opening Ceremony.

Due to the success of the Olympics, ticket sales for the Paralympics have soared and, at the time of writing, the surge had meant it was on track to be the first to sell out in the event's 52-year history. London 2012-Paralympics is as rare as ever, something that former Paralympic swimmer Rachael Latham is intensely proud of. She said: "When we won the bid, and everybody was saying how the

Paralympics will be so much bigger, I always wondered how they were going to make sure it was on par with the Olympics. And the best thing is that I don't think they've needed to do that much [to promote it] – people simply want it to be [a big hit]. Everyone is excited for the Paralympics, which I don't think we've ever had before. It definitely wasn't like that when I was racing in Beijing. I think it's going to be a new era for the Paralympics."

Rachael is the current European record holder for 200m butterfly, world record holder for 50m butterfly and 200m backstroke British record holder. She took part in two finals in the Beijing Paralympics, but an injury meant she had to retire from competitive swimming in 2009, and couldn't be involved in London 2012 – at least not in the way she had previously known. However, she is on presenting duties and will be covering all the action down on the front line for Channel 4 – and that's the next best thing, according to Rachael.

She explains: "There was no way I wasn't going to get involved in London 2012. When I couldn't go with swimming, I just had to find a new way to be able to get there. "Obviously I'm an athlete at heart and I always will be but I couldn't have asked for anything more than to be part of the media. Channel 4 is going to do a great job and I'm so excited."

But let's not get ahead of ourselves – as the opening ceremony gets underway, Channel 4 stalwarts Jon Snow and Krishnan Guru-Murthy present from what promises to be a phenomenal start to the occasion; especially given that the Paralympics originated in the UK in 1948.

We can expect a spectacle that challenges perceptions of human possibility, including a fly past by Aerobility, a British charity that trains disabled people to become pilots, a parade of all the competing nations, and, of course, the official entrance of the Paralympic Flame.



Jon Snow presents the ceremony from the Olympic Stadium, London 2012 Paralympic Games Opening Ceremony, Wednesday, Channel 4, 8pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

Harry's Mountain Heroes

ITV1, 9pm

This inspiring one-off documentary follows five soldiers who were wounded on the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan, but who are now preparing to take on one of the biggest challenges on Earth – scaling Mount Everest. Although Prince Harry (or as the Olympic announcers call him, Prince Henry) was unable to take part in the climb because of other commitments, he has been there to support captains Martin Hewitt and David Wiseman, privates Jacob van Gass and Karl Hinett, and doctor Francis Atkinson in his role as both a patron and a friend. He even turns up to see them off at Heathrow as they prepare to fly to Nepal. But even with a royal to inspire them, the challenge of trying to reach the top is fraught with danger.

New Tricks

BBC1, 9pm

When Jack Halford (James Bolam) ended the last series of the detective drama by telling his boss Sandra (Amanda Redman) that he didn't really care whether he lived or died, most viewers didn't give it that much thought. After all, it wouldn't be the first time a run had ended with the threat that an old dog was going to give up on New Tricks. However, this time around it seems Jack actually meant it, as he shocks Sandra, Brian (Alun Armstrong) and Gerry (Dennis Waterman) by announcing his resignation. The team are keen to find out why, but shadowy Whitehall official Stephen Fisher (Tim McInnerny) wants them to put their skills to a very different use.

TUESDAY

ACCUSED

BBC1, 9pm

Liverpudlian comedian John Bishop has done the odd acting role in the past, but this week's drama really gives him something to get his teeth into. He plays Peter, a father of two whose wife is dying. Peter tries to ease the pain his teenage sons Stephen and Dom will feel, and is pleased to have the help and support of palliative care nurse Charlotte. But eventually, after his mum's death, Stephen suspects that Charlotte may not be the saintly figure his dad thinks she is, and begins to be plagued by doubts and anxieties. But, most puzzling of all, why does former spin doctor Alistair Campbell keep appearing to talk to him?

WEDNESDAY

BRITAIN THEN AND NOW

ITV1, 9pm

In June this year, many people threw street parties to help celebrate the Queen's diamond jubilee – and that proved to be a surefire way of getting to know the folk living around them. One such bunch of residents from east London were tasked with recreating the same style of bash that would have gone on in 1953, when the Coronation took place. All they had to go on to help them were a handful of photographs of the event that happened on their road all those years ago – until they managed to track down some

of the original partygoers. The research and organisation revealed some fascinating social changes that have happened in the decades since, as this documentary reveals.

THURSDAY

BRITAIN BY NIGHT

ITV1, 9pm

If we're to believe news reports and certain sections of the media, Britain is a dangerous place at night. But it's actually a minority of folk who suffer during the wee small hours; the rest of us get on with our lives just as we would during the day, although if this documentary is anything to go by, thoughts and emotions can be more

heightened once darkness falls. Among the people featured here is Tony, whose constant battle to keep London's streets clean once the crowds have gone home is tempered by his feelings toward the break-up of his marriage. But it's not all doom and gloom; Indian bride Nisha's dream is about to come true, while midwife Natalie supervises an emotional delivery.

FRIDAY
UEFA SUPER CUP
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ITV1, 7.30pm

The Stade Louis



Accused, Tuesday, BBC1, 9pm

Il stadium in Monaco plays host to the 36th staging of the Super Cup, as last season's Champions League winners Chelsea take on Europa League victors Atletico Madrid. Both sides have won this competition once in their history, with neither doing so as European champions. Chelsea's only success came when they beat Atletico's cross-city rivals Real on this ground in 1998 thanks to a solitary goal from Gustavo Poyet, while the Maresse Makers defeated Inter Milan 2-0 in 2010. Di Matteo and Simeone have turned round the fortunes of their clubs over a short period of time, bringing unexpected success at the highest level against the odds, and both men will be keen to win this piece of silverware to enhance their growing reputations.

In with the Flynns

BBC1, 9pm

They may be as predictable as night following day, but the traditional British sitcom will be a staple of small-screen entertainment long after we're all pushing up the daisies. For newcomers, this one stars Will Mellor and Niky Wardley as a couple raising three children, while having to deal with an irresponsible brother and a grumpy dad. This week, Liam attempts to earn some extra cash by giving personal training lessons. However, the plan backfires when Julie, his first client, wants more from him than just training. Meanwhile, Kevin is heartbroken when he splits with Naimah. Will Mellor, Warren Clarke, Niky Wardley, Alex Carter, Daniel Rogers, Lorenzo Rodriguez and Nadine Mulkerin star.

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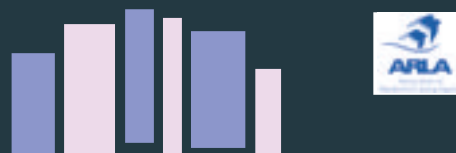
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NEW £550 pcm Waverley Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A 3 bed semi detached property ● 1 spacious reception room ● Modern kitchen/diner with cooker ● Upstairs bathroom with shower ● Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing ● Driveway, Garage and utility 	NEW £525 pcm Bath Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A traditional 3 bed mid terrace ● 2 spacious reception rooms ● Modern fitted kitchen with cooker ● Downstairs family bathroom ● Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing ● DSS accepted 	NEW £475 pcm Cecil Street <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A superb 2 bed mid terrace property ● 2 spacious reception rooms ● Modern fitted kitchen with cooker ● Downstairs bathroom with shower ● Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing ● Enclosed rear garden 	NEW £450 pcm Hawes Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A traditional 2 bed semi detached ● 2 spacious reception rooms ● Modern fitted kitchen with cooker ● Upstairs family bathroom with shower ● Double Glazing throughout ● Driveway and rear garden 	NEW £350 pcm Market Place <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A pleasant 1 bed 1st floor apartment ● 1 spacious living room ● Modern fitted kitchen with cooker ● Bathroom with shower cubicle ● Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing ● DSS accepted 	NEW £300 pcm Market Place <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A re-furnished studio apartment ● Open planned kitchen and living area ● Modern fitted kitchen with cooker ● Good size bathroom with shower cubicle ● Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing ● DSS accepted
£699 pcm Mellish Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A luxury 2 bed 2nd floor apartment ● Open planned kitchen / diner ● Modern kitchen with integral appliances ● Designer bathroom with master en-suite ● Double Glazing throughout ● Allocated secure parking space 	£695 pcm Walstead Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● An extended 3 bed semi detached ● Spacious through lounge ● Modern fitted kitchen with cooker ● Pantry and Guest WC ● Luxury bathroom with separate shower ● Garage and driveway for 2 cars 	£650 pcm Arundle Street <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A 4 bed detached property ● 2 spacious reception rooms ● Modern fitted kitchen/diner ● 2 family bathrooms 1 on the ground floor ● Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing ● Rear garden DSS accepted 	£550 pcm Alderley Crescent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A superb modern end terrace ● Spacious lounge with Fireplace ● Modern fitted kitchen with cooker ● Guest WC and upstairs family Bathroom ● 3 Good sized bedrooms ● Fully enclosed rear garden 	£550 pcm Old Masters Close <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A modern 2 bed semi detached ● 2 spacious reception room ● Modern fitted kitchen/diner with cooker ● Upstairs family bathroom ● Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing ● rear garden and Driveway 	£525 pcm Stanley Street <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● An extended 3 bed mid terrace ● Spacious through lounge ● Modern kitchen/diner with cooker ● Upstairs family bathroom ● Guest WC and good size rear garden ● Driveway for 2 cars
£495 pcm Harden Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A double fronted end terrace ● 1 spacious reception room ● Modern kitchen/diner with cooker ● Upstairs family bathroom with shower ● Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing ● Guest WC and rear garden 	£475 pcm Manor Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A traditional 3 bed mid terrace property ● 2 spacious reception rooms ● Modern fitted kitchen with cooker ● Downstairs family bathroom with shower ● Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing ● DSS accepted 	£475 pcm Darlaston Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A traditional 3 bed end terrace property ● 2 spacious reception rooms ● Modern fitted kitchen ● Downstairs family bathroom ● Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing ● DSS accepted 	£475 pcm Dora Street <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 3 Bed mid terraced property ● 2 Spacious reception rooms ● Fitted kitchen with some appliances ● Downstairs family bathroom ● Gas central heating and double glazing ● Dss Accepted 	£475 pcm Dora Street <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A traditional 3 bed mid terrace ● 2 spacious reception rooms ● Modern fitted kitchen with cooker ● Downstairs family bathroom ● Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing ● DSS accepted 	£475 pcm Moat Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A re-decorated 3 bed mid terrace ● 2 spacious reception rooms ● Modern fitted kitchen ● Downstairs family bathroom ● Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing ● Rear garden DSS accepted
£475 pcm Florence Street <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A 3 bed mid terrace property ● 2 spacious reception rooms ● Modern fitted kitchen with cooker ● Downstairs family bathroom ● Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing ● DSS accepted 	£475 pcm Terret Close, Walsall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A modern 2 bed apartment ● Open planned lounge/kitchen ● Fitted kitchen with some appliances ● Family bathroom ● Master en-suite ● Allocated parking space 	£460 pcm Franchise Street <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A traditional 2 bed mid terrace property ● 2 spacious reception rooms ● Modern fitted kitchen with cooker ● Downstairs shower room ● Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing ● Rear garden DSS accepted 	£450 pcm Proffit Close <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A furnished 2 bed end terrace property ● 1 spacious reception room ● Fitted kitchen with some appliances ● Upstairs family bathroom with shower ● Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing ● DSS accepted 	£450 pcm St Clemments Lane <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A Superb 1 bed 1st floor apartment ● Open planned lounge/kitchen area ● Modern fitted kitchen with cooker ● Pleasent family bathroom with shower ● Double Glazing throughout ● Secure parking 	£450 pcm Essex Street <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A traditional 3 bed mid terrace ● 2 spacious reception rooms ● Modern fitted kitchen with white units ● Downstairs bathroom and guest WC ● Gas Central Heating throughout ● Rear Garden DSS accepted
£425 pcm Bradford Street <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A re-decorated 2 bed 1st floor apartment ● 1 spacious living room ● Modern fitted kitchen with cooker ● Family bathroom with shower over bath ● Gas Central Heating throughout ● Town centre location DSS accepted 	£425 pcm Lewis Street <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A traditional 2 bed mid-terrace property ● 2 spacious reception rooms ● Downstairs family bathroom ● Fitted kitchen with cooker ● Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing ● DSS accepted 	£390 pcm Bloxwich Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A pleasant 1 bed 1st floor apartment ● 1 spacious reception room ● Modern fitted kitchen with cooker ● Family bathroom with shower over bath ● Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing ● DSS accepted 	£375 pcm Bloxwich Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Top floor studio apartment ● Modern fitted bathroom with shower ● Spacious living area ● Modern Fitted kitchen units ● Dss accepted with guarantor ● Rent accepted in arrears for HB 	£350 pcm Caldmore Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A 1 bed duplex apartment ● 1 spacious reception room ● Modern fitted kitchen with cooker ● Pleasent family bathroom ● Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing ● DSS accepted 	£350 pcm Tudor House <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A Superb 1 bed 2nd floor apartment ● Spacious lounge ● Modern fitted kitchen with cooker ● Family bathroom with shower over bath ● Electric Heating and Double Glazing ● Modern Decor throughout

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- Pleasantly appointed modern style semi
- Two bedrooms, one with built-in wardrobe
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Large front terrace
- Fitted dining kitchen with oven and hob
- Superb UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Fitted bathroom with shower
- Generous rear garden
- Off road parking to the fore

£130,000 OFFERS, IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE



ESSINGTON SHERRINGHAM DRIVE

- Pleasantly appointed detached property
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazing
- Two reception rooms
- Fully tiled refitted shower room
- Tandem garage with electric roller door
- Established south facing rear garden

£179,995 OPEN TO OFFERS



SUMMER HAYES CASTLE DRIVE

- Pleasantly appointed detached property
- Designing spacious versatile accommodation
- Three first floor bedrooms, downstairs bathroom
- Large and dining rooms
- Superb UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Lounge and dining rooms
- Breakfast kitchen and utility room/WC
- Spacious refitted bath and JB bathroom
- 21 tandem length garage
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows

NOW £169,500 NO CHAIN



NEW INVENTION WROUGHTON CLOSE

- Pleasantly appointed extended semi detached residence
- Extended to the rear at ground floor level
- Three bedrooms
- 24ft extended lounge and separate sitting/dining room
- 19ft extended dining kitchen including oven and hob
- Spacious left lounge
- Study/office
- Lowly established rear garden
- Gas central heating
- Heavily double glazed windows

£137,000 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



ESSINGTON ROWAN DRIVE

- Superb extended modern style detached residence
- Four bedrooms, three with fitted wardrobes
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Well equipped dining kitchen in one and
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Spacious first bathroom
- Substantial 25ft x 18ft garage/outbuilding
- Excellent low maintenance rear garden with well kept lawn

NOW £299,950



NEW INVENTION SQUIRES GROVE

- Well appointed modern style town house
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating, UPVC double glazing
- En-suite shower room
- Fitted dining kitchen including oven and hob
- 17ft front lounge
- Downstairs guest cloakroom with wc
- Enclosed rear garden
- Off road parking to the fore

£136,500 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



COPPICE FARM BOWNESS GROVE

- Superb modern detached residence
- Cul-de-sac position
- Three generous bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Excellent refitted kitchen including oven and hob
- Spacious UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Garage divided into study and storage room
- Gas central heating
- Double glazed windows

£188,500



COPPICE FARM KINGFISHER GROVE

- Pleasantly appointed modern style detached property
- Three bedrooms, en-suite shower room
- Large and dining rooms
- Superb UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Fitted kitchen and utility rooms
- Excellent refitted bathroom with shower
- Enclosed rear garden
- Gas central heating
- Double glazed windows

£184,500 OFFERS FOR QUICK SALE



DARLASTON WOLVERHAMPTON STREET

- Spacious first floor flat in convenient location
- Two bedrooms
- Gas warm air central heating system
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Spacious left lounge
- Kitchen and shower room
- Communal entrance with security intercom

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £56,000, NO CHAIN



COPPICE FARM TORRIDON ROAD

- Pleasant modern style two bedroom bungalow
- Delightful cul-de-sac location
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Lounge with patio doors to the rear garden
- Bedroom with shower
- Enclosed rear garden
- Off road parking to the fore

NOW £119,950 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



SHORT HEATH HUNTS LANE

- Pleasantly appointed and town house property
- Close to the Woodlands nature area
- Three bedrooms
- Fitted dining kitchen
- UPVC double glazing, gas central heating
- First floor bathroom
- Ground floor guest wc
- Allocated parking

£120,000 OFFERS



NEW INVENTION BEACON ROAD

- Traditional style semi detached property
- Close to the Woodlands nature area
- Three bedrooms
- Fitted dining kitchen
- UPVC double glazing, gas central heating
- First floor bathroom
- Ground floor guest wc
- Allocated parking

NOW £105,000 OFFERS



WILLENHALL WEDNESFIELD ROAD

- Pleasantly appointed Victorian style semi detached property
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Refitted dining kitchen
- UPVC Double glazed windows
- Fitted bathroom with shower
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Ideal first time purchase

NOW £79,950 OFFERS, NO CHAIN

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NEW INVENTION BAYNTON ROAD

- Decapitally spacious town house style property
- Well appointed much improved accommodation
- Three generous bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Rear lounge with French style doors
- Fitted kitchen including appliances
- Pleasant rear garden overlooking local field

£120,000 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



HADLEY HEATH. WILLENHALL FAWLEY CLOSE

- Pleasant improved modern style semi
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Lounge with feature fireplace
- Fitted bathroom with shower
- Carport with double doors to the front
- Enclosed rear garden

£106,500



ESSINGTON BUTTERMERE DRIVE

- A superb extended modern style detached residence
- Four bedrooms, en-suite shower room
- Large and dining rooms
- Well equipped extended dining kitchen
- Utility room, downstairs guest cloakroom
- Extended study/office
- Lowly established rear garden
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows

WAS £269,950 NOW £259,500 OFFERS



WILLENHALL VICTORIA STREET

- Pleasantly appointed Victorian style terrace property
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Refitted dining kitchen
- UPVC Double glazed windows
- Fitted bathroom with shower
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Ideal first time purchase

£400 PCM



WILLENHALL LEVENSON STREET

- Spacious and terraced property
- Three bedrooms
- Lounge & separate dining room
- Second sitting room
- Fitted kitchen with gas cooker
- Ground floor bathroom with first floor wc
- Gas central heating & double glazing
- Available April

£400 PCM



WILLENHALL The Bungalow Hopwood Lock Court

- A well appointed detached bungalow
- One bedroom
- Gas central heating
- Reception hall
- Fitted kitchen/sitting room including oven, hob, fridge, freezer & wine chiller
- Side garden
- Fitted bathroom with shower
- Viewings highly recommended

£425 pcm



NEW INVENTION ARGYLE COURT, ESSINGTON ROAD

- Superb modern style ground floor apartment
- Two bedrooms
- 14ft lounge
- Fitted kitchen including oven and hob
- Fitted bathroom with shower
- Allocated parking space with side security gate
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Gas central heating

£500 PCM



DARLASTON CROWN COURT, VICTORIA MEWS

- Modern style two bedroom semi detached property
- Popular development
- Kitchen diner with
- cooker
- Bathroom with shower
- Timber decked rear garden
- Off road parking

£495 PCM



WILLENHALL GIPSY LANE

- Fully restored large Edwardian semi detached villa
- Two double bedrooms
- Fitted kitchen with separate utility room
- Two reception rooms
- Spacious bathroom with shower
- Ground floor wc
- Easy maintenance grounds
- Off road parking

£495 PCM



WILLENHALL DEVON ROAD

- Three bedroom semi detached property
- Recently modernised & refurbished
- Refitted kitchen
- Refitted bathroom
- Central Heating
- Double glazed
- Bathroom with shower
- Attractive gardens

£525 PCM



WILLENHALL Flat 3 Hopwood Lock Court

- First floor spacious apartment
- Two bedrooms
- Part furnished
- Lounge/Kitchen including oven, hob, fridge & freezer, washer & wine chiller
- Large bathroom with shower
- Viewings highly recommended

£500 pcm



WILLENHALL COLTHAM ROAD

- Well presented two bedroom town house
- Fitted dining kitchen with oven
- Fitted bathroom with shower
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Gas central heating
- Garage
- Patio style doors onto rear garden

£525 PCM



WILLENHALL SANDBEDS ROAD

- Two bed mid terrace house
- Unfurnished
- Front lounge/dining area with feature fireplace
- Fully fitted kitchen
- Gas central heated
- Bathroom with bath and shower
- Alarm
- Paved courtyard with hidden garden

£450 PCM



WILLENHALL LOWRY CLOSE

- Pleasantly appointed town house style property
- Deceptively spacious accommodation
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Replacement UPVC double glazed windows
- Attractive lounge with French style doors to the rear garden
- Spacious fitted dining kitchen with French style doors to the rear garden
- Upstairs bathroom with shower
- Pleasant rear garden

£84,950 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL RAVENSROFT ROAD

- Comprehensively improved & refitted and town house property
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating, UPVC double glazed windows
- Superb refitted kitchen inc oven and hob
- Excellent refitted bathroom with shower tilement
- Spacious 19ft through lounge
- Generous rear garden
- Internal viewing strongly recommended

£115,000 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



COPPICE FARM MILES MEADOW CLOSE

- Pleasantly appointed modern style link detached property
- Three bedrooms, master with fitted wardrobes
- UPVC double glazing, gas
- Fitted central heating
- Lounge and dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Refitted first floor bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden

£150,000 OFFERS, VIEWING ESSENTIAL



BENTLEY, WALSALL CUNNINGHAM ROAD

- Pleasantly appointed extended semi detached property
- Three bedrooms, all with wardrobes
- Gas central heating system
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Spacious 19ft through lounge
- Extended sun room
- Breakfast kitchen/utility room
- Upstairs bathroom with shower
- Ideal for a first time purchaser or a young family

£110,000 OFFERS, VIEWING RECOMMENDED



WILLENHALL ASHMORE LAKE ROAD

- Conveniently located two bedroom detached bungalow
- In need of some internal modernisation
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Lounge and breakfast kitchen
- UPVC double glazed sun room
- Garage and off road parking
- Pleasant gardens to front and rear

£100,000 NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL KNIGHTS CLOSE

- Immaculate modern style four bedroom detached residence
- Master bedroom with dressing area & en-suite shower
- Two reception rooms
- Well equipped breakfast kitchen with appliances
- Utility room and guest cloakroom with wc
- Principal fitted bathroom
- Garage and off road parking
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows

£225,500 OFFERS, VIEWING ESSENTIAL



SUMMER HAYES PERRY ROAD

- Deceptively spacious semi detached property
- 3/4 bedrooms (occasional 4th bed off bathroom)
- Refitted kitchen with integrated appliances
- Refitted bathroom with separate shower cubicle
- UPVC external double glazing, gas central heating
- Double length garage with utility area
- Large established rear garden with paved patio
- Block paved off road parking

NOW OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £155,000



NEW INVENTION TAVERNERS CLOSE

- Pleasantly appointed modern style semi
- One bedroom
- En-suite bathroom with shower
- Lounge & separate dining/sun room
- Fitted kitchen inc oven & hob
- Pleasant enclosed rear garden
- Off road parking
- Gas central heating, upvc double glazed windows

£87,950 OFFERS



SUMMER HAYES BLEHEIM ROAD

- Pleasant link detached bungalow
- In cul-de-sac location
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Majority UPVC double glazed windows
- Spacious 17ft rear lounge
- Kitchen and utility room
- Garage
- Block paved driveway

£139,950 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL THE CRESCENT

- Traditional style semi detached property converted into two separate one bedroom flats
- Convenient location with good M6 motorway links
- Both flats include lounge, one bedroom, kitchen and bathroom
- Allowed parking space to the rear
- Excellent investment potential
- No onward chain
- Internal viewing recommended via Agents

£69,950 FOR WHOLE PROPERTY



WILLENHALL CAISTER DRIVE

- Modern style detached property
- Two bedrooms
- In need of some internal modernisation
- Gas central heating system
- Lounge and dining kitchen
- Upstairs bathroom with shower
- Gardens to front and rear
- Internal viewing recommended

NOW £95,000 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL SANDBEDS ROAD

- Character Victorian style detached residence
- Generous plot with parking & two garages
- Dining room & 20ft extended lounge
- Well equipped breakfast kitchen with appliances
- Utility room
- Newly established rear garden
- Gas central heating, upvc double glazed windows

WAS £289,950 NOW £279,950



ESSINGTON SNEYD LANE

- Traditional style extended detached bungalow
- Much requested location
- Potential to extend/subject to planning permission
- Two bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Upvc double glazing, gas central heating
- Two garages, ample gated off road parking
- Established front and rear gardens

£257,500 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL ALTON AVENUE

- Superbly double fronted traditional style semi detached property
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Fitted breakfast kitchen including oven & hob
- Utility room and downstairs w.c.
- Fitted shower room
- Gas central heating & UPVC double glazed windows
- Garage & concrete print driveway
- Generous landscaped rear garden

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £150,000 NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL, OFF STROUD AVE LYDNEY CLOSE

- Pleasant extended semi detached property
- Col-de-sac position
- Gas central heating system
- Double glazed windows
- Two reception rooms
- Refitted kitchen including oven and hob
- Enclosed rear garden
- Foreground and off road parking

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £150,000



WILLENHALL LUCKNOW ROAD

- Extended traditional semi detached property
- Extended at both side and rear elevations
- Spacious family living accommodation
- Two bedrooms, two with fitted wardrobes
- Large plot with gardens to front rear & side
- Gas central heating
- Majority double glazed windows
- Principal bathroom also separate shower
- Excellent potential for improvement

NOW £157,500, VIEWING RECOMMENDED



WILLENHALL WESTFIELD ROAD

- Pleasantly appointed traditional style bay fronted semi
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Lounge with feature fireplace
- Spacious fitted dining kitchen
- Upstairs bathroom with separate shower cubicle
- Attractive rear garden

£109,995 OFFERS



NEW INVENTION BALMORAL DRIVE

- Pleasantly appointed extended semi detached property
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Lounge and dining rooms
- Side entry with utility room/denstairs w.c.
- Upstairs bathroom with shower tilement
- Pleasant established rear garden

NOW £125,000 OFFERS



WILLENHALL ALTON AVENUE

- Superbly double fronted traditional style semi detached property
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Fitted breakfast kitchen including oven & hob
- Utility room and downstairs w.c.
- Fitted shower room
- Gas central heating & UPVC double glazed windows
- Garage & concrete print driveway
- Generous landscaped rear garden

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £150,000 NO CHAIN



COPPICE FARM BUTTERNERE GROVE

- Considerably improved modern style and town house
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Smart fitted kitchen with appliances
- Spacious UPVC double glazed conservatory town house
- Excellent refitted bathroom with corner bath suite and shower
- Block paved driveway offering ample parking
- Fitted kitchen with appliances
- Potential to extend, subject to planning

offers in excess of £124,950



WILLENHALL UPLANDS ROAD

- Traditional style double fronted detached bungalow
- Excellent potential for improvement
- Gas central heating
- Part UPVC double glazed windows
- Excellent potential for improvement
- Two reception rooms
- Kitchen and shower room
- Side driveway affording off road parking
- Pleasant rear garden

WAS £114,995 NOW £109,500 NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL HAWKSHELL DRIVE

- Pleasant modern style semi detached property
- Ideal first time buy
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Lounge with feature fireplace
- Upstairs bathroom with shower
- Concrete print driveway
- Rear garden
- Excellent potential to improve

£99,950 OFFERS



WILLENHALL HILL ROAD

- Much improved extended three bedroom property
- Lounge and extended dining room
- Fitted breakfast kitchen
- Bathroom with shower
- Garage and block paved driveway
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Convenient location
- Viewing recommended

£115,000 OFFERS



WILLENHALL RAVENSROFT ROAD

- Much improved traditional style town house
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Large open plan L shaped lounge/kitchen
- Stylish likea kitchen
- Upstairs shower room
- Spacious 19ft through lounge/dining room
- Low level enclosed rear garden

£109,950 Viewing essential



COPPICE FARM BUTTERNERE GROVE

- Pleasantly appointed town house style property
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazing
- Fitted dining kitchen
- Integrated oven, hob & pantry
- Refitted bathroom with shower over the bath
- Enclosed rear garden with paved patio
- Off road parking

£114,950



COPPICE FARM GURNARD CLOSE

- Pleasantly appointed modern style and town house
- Two bedrooms, one with built-in wardrobes
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Lounge with feature fireplace
- Fitted dining kitchen
- Fitted bathroom with shower
- Newly established rear garden
- Side driveway affording off road parking
- Ideal first time purchase

£114,950



WILLENHALL BARMOUTH CLOSE

- Pleasant semi detached property
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating system
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Two reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen
- Upstairs bathroom
- Front and rear gardens
- Excellent potential to improve

£124,995



BENTLEY RIDGE CLOSE

- Deceptive two bedroom town house style property
- Gas warm air central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Spacious L shaped lounge/dining room
- Upstairs bathroom and separate wc
- Garden to the rear
- Rear garden with enclosed parking area
- Ideal first time purchase

£80,000 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



WILLENHALL THOMPSON STREET

- Superbly appointed, characterful improved detached bungalow
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Large open plan L shaped lounge/kitchen
- Two ground floor bedrooms and bathroom
- First floor landing/beds area with master bedroom
- Bathroom has/breaking room off
- Laundry/shower room with walk in shower

£260,000 OFFERS

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 - Hall • Extended Lounge
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 - Driveway • Garden
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The interior of Sutherland Road is smartly presented
vatory and French doors to the rear garden.

On the first floor bedroom one has an en suite with WC, pedestal wash basin, shower cubicle and panel bath, and there are three more bedrooms and a bathroom with WC, wash hand basin, panel bath and separate shower cubicle.

The kitchen, 12ft 9in by 7ft 9in, has a range of wall and base mounted units, worktops with stainless steel sink and drainer, gas cooker point and space for appliances.

French doors lead to the dining conservatory measuring 15ft 6in by 9ft 6in with a door to the rear garden.

The lounge, 15ft 7in by 10ft 8in, has a feature fireplace, door to the conser-

Outside is a block-paved driveway to the garage, and to the rear the garden is mainly laid to lawn with decked patio area and mature trees and shrubs.

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IT'S finally happened. My eco-patience has worn out and this month I've been using a Fluence in anger... sort of.

It's actually been quite freeing, because all of a sudden I've started to appreciate more of the Fluence's strong points and it's still costing peanuts to run.

The thing is, in busy traffic people get impatient and whenever space opens up in front of them, they go for it.

It makes it hard to gently stroke the Fluence along admiring its silence, because you end up being cut up by lane-changers time and again.

So the teddy was thrown out of the pram, the dummy was spat out and I stamped my feet. Well, my right foot at least, and on the accelerator pedal.

The motor majors on huge low and midrange torque rather than top-end power, so in traffic the Fluence is in its element.

In fact, using more right boot around town doesn't use that much more electricity overall, and the extra pace you can make around the area makes the whole experience more relaxing.

It's surprisingly stressful to try to eke out every last metre out of each kilowatt of power, and letting my hair down was a sweet relief.

It actually feels like a much better all-round car now that I'm not driving like Miss Daisy.

The torque is a major plus and it's pretty nice to drive. The one niggle is that the suspension could – and arguably should – be a bit more supple, but it goes, stops and turns quite well.

Driveway

The vast majority of people wouldn't notice any difference between the Z.E. and a normal compact family car.

It's still as impressive as ever, especially around multi-storey car parks, but the lack of noise is eerie. I've been seeing a lot of those lately as my increased mileage has seen me visit the public charging bays.

I don't have the ideal solution to run this car like a dream. That would be a driveway and a charging station on my wall, which would mean cheap overnight charges and a full battery in the morning.

I'm tempted to run the car's three-pin EVSE cable from the roadside in through a downstairs window to benefit from cheaper charges at home, but trailing cables across public pavements is a risky business.

At present, the Fluence is returning around 75 miles to a full charge, which is less than the 100 miles Renault claims, but I've stopped treating the car like a priceless Ming vase.

Funnily enough, though, it seems to be covering a few more miles per charge than it was when it was new.

Anyway, the main thing is that it's just nice to be able

By Matt Kimberley

to put my foot down when I need to and properly keep pace with traffic – or leave it behind. That instant torque delivery makes the Fluence deceptively rapid up to 40mph or so.

Other things I've been enjoying with the Fluence this month have been some of its in-built curiosities, such as the ability to change the car icon on the TomTom satnav. So far I've been the Fluence Z.E., Twizy Z.E., classic Alpine A110 and the Renaultsport Clio 200. It's a small thing but it's a welcome little injection of playfulness.

Not so good is the car's lack of useful cupholders. There are two beyond the gear selector in the centre console, but they can't take soft drink cups from fast food outlets because the console encroaches on the cup space too much. At least the felt-bottomed central storage bin is a good place to drop oddsments.

In terms of running costs, it's only incurring parking fees, and for a typical six-hour daytime charge (I rarely let it go too near flat where the charge time can be over eight hours) I pay £6.50.

That three-quarter charge covers around 60 miles with genuinely normal driving, which equates to around 60mpg in financial terms. Choosing an overnight £2 charge nets equivalent 'fuel economy' approaching 250mpg.

In the kind of driving I've been doing in the Fluence, 45mpg would be a realistic maximum for a similar-sized diesel, making the electric car look rather good value. Plus, you always have the same parking space available at the car park. Honestly, it's like being a VIP.

I've enjoyed having the Fluence around this month. The boot was big enough to transport a boxed microwave and a small set of bathroom drawers, the totally relaxed way it negotiates traffic is brilliant, and the fact I can drive it relatively quickly and still pay under the odds to run it is superb.

I do wish it looked like a Ferrari, though...

BUMPER TO BUMPER

Model: Renault Fluence Z.E Dynamique, £18,395 on the road (£20,324 as tested)
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Performance: Top speed 84mph (limited), 0-62mph in 13.7 seconds
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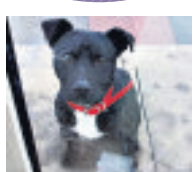
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Fife hits a treble in nap hand for visitors

Pelsall Villa 0 Brocton 5
PELSALL sank to a heavy Midlands Combination Premier home defeat as visiting Brocton went nap.

Pelsall were quickly under pressure with an early shot blocked on the line and a tempting cross from Gary Fife, who went on to score a hat-trick, which flew across the box.

Villa then pressed, forcing Brocton's Charlie Jones to hook clear.

On 20 minutes Pelsall fell behind when Richard Jones burst forward, Tom Doodly's shot ricocheted high across the box and Sam Hollingsworth bravely headed home.

Fife got the second, scoring at full-stretch with a left-foot volley.

Brocton added a third when Hollingsworth combined with Doodly, whose cross was forced in at the far post by Jordan Bloor.

Pelsall threatened on the counter after Brocton's right-back Dave Harvey pushed up and was caught out of position.

The home side created two chances early in the second period, but two further goals by Fife condemned them to a heavy defeat.

Holgate is treble star of the show

Continental Star 4 Studley 1
A DANIEL HOLGATE hat-trick saw Continental Star run out comfortable winners in this Midlands Alliance clash.

Holgate opened the scoring on 24 minutes, calmly rounding the advancing Paul Hewitt and tapping the ball into the Studley net.

Continental doubled their lead on 32 minutes when Holgate grabbed his second of the game with a superb piece of skill. He flicked the ball into the air with his heel, turned and sent a powerful volley into the bottom left-hand corner of the net.

Aaron Garvey grabbed Star's third on 41 minutes, unleashing a 25-yarder into the top left-hand corner.

Holgate completed his treble on 64 minutes, heading home a cross from close range.

Scott Turner scored a consolation goal for Studley on 72 minutes, rising above the Star defence to head a Dan Rolfe free-kick into the net.



James Chambers, right, makes his Saddlers debut



Febian Brandy brings the ball away for Walsall



Walsall's Florent Cuvelier tries to hold off Tommy Spurr

Hat-trick of misery leaves Walsall reeling

Walsall 0 Doncaster 3

THE early season bubble burst with a louder bang than Walsall would have wanted.

David Cotterill's 40-yard wonder strike, sandwiched between goals from Chris Brown and Kyle Bennett, left them reeling, writes Nick Mashiter.

The League One barometer is always a tricky one. Walsall beat Brentford, solid top-10 candidates, in the League Cup last week but have now lost to promotion contenders Doncaster.

As boss Dean Smith asserted, the result will be put into context only when the division has taken shape. The smart money is on Rovers challenging for an immediate return to the Championship if former Villa striker Dean Saunders can mould them from a group of individuals into a team.

It is what Smith must do with his charges and Rovers' revolving door this summer is proof the 'Ginger Mourinho' isn't the only one to have the same problem.

The difference was Saunders was able to bring the Premier League experience of Robbie Blake off the bench while James Coppinger – a £1m target for Hull – also made a late introduction. That is what the Saddlers were up against.

The result must be taken with a degree of realism and most know that.

The youthful, new-look Walsall will suffer occasionally as they try to find the right path. There are still changes to be made and there are legitimate concerns about where the goals are going to come from.

Will Grigg is a willing runner but it would be unfair to expect the Northern Ireland international to suddenly become a hulking mass of a forward.

League One is a physical place and while Smith's philosophy is admirable the Saddlers need someone with presence up front.

Yes, most would have struggled against the mountains of Rob Jones and Jamie



Walsall's misery is complete as Kyle Bennett of Doncaster finds the net to round off the scoring at the Banks's Stadium

McCombe but there will come a time when Walsall need someone with a bit of physical nous.

The benefit of the doubt is hard to find in football but the Saddlers, and David Grof in particular, must be given a chunk.

The goalkeeper was beaten after just five minutes when Billy Paynter and Brown combined. Paynter dummied, Brown supplied the pass and while Paynter's shot was weak Grof let it squirm away for Brown to tap in.

Undoubtedly the goalkeeper was at fault for the slapdash nature with which Paynter's effort was allowed to escape but he was absolved of blame by boss Smith for Doncaster's second. Jamie Paterson, Ashley

Hemmings and Andy Butler had all gone close before Cotterill launched a 40-yard effort over the diving Grof. It was a goal of the season contender which left the Saddlers beaten even before Bennett's classy strike from 20 yards made it 3-0 10 minutes after the break.

Walsall struggled to regain their composure after Cotterill's Beckham-esque effort despite a rally which promised much but delivered little.

The direct running of Hemmings, Paterson and Florent Cuvelier caused Doncaster problems but they failed to trouble haphazard keeper Gary Woods unduly. Hemmings' shot deflected wide and Paterson was off target after Woods' flap but both were half-

chances. Cotterill's wonderful 26th-minute effort then reinforced the point to the Saddlers, that they didn't take advantage when they had the chance.

The second half was a non-event, especially when Bennett seized on Paynter's pass, cut in from the left and curled the ball delightfully round Grof.

Adam Chambers volleyed straight at Woods in response but the Saddlers floundered and it could have been worse had Coppinger not headed straight at Grof late on.

It wasn't the best and after two seasons of struggle there was hope – and still is – the Saddlers were beginning to turn the corner.

And Smith's belief was undiminished – onwards and upwards.

Walker's winner is a crisp finish

Whitby 0 Rushall Olympic 1
DAVE WALKER opened his account for the Pics with the only goal of their Evo-Stik Northern Premier campaign opener at Whitby.

Rushall were succumbing to some head injuries as the first period neared an end with Wayne Daniel requiring treatment above his eye and, moments later, Joe Keenan followed with a gash to the top of his head.

Two minutes prior to the hour mark and the key moment of the contest arrived when Michael Clarke did extremely well to tussle with two defenders through the right channel to win a corner.

Keenan's subsequent flag-kick was delivered into the penalty area where Walker outjumped his rivals and powered a header into the net.

Despite the Pics coming under some telling pressure as injury time approached, they ultimately held firm to record an excellent away victory.

Whitby: Liveredge, Hassan (Williams 45), Robinson, Burgess, White, Portas, McTiernan, Tait (Evans 79), Armstrong, Mulligan, O'Mahoney. **Subs not used:** James, Smith, Campbell.

Rushall Olympic: Gemmell, Naylor, Keenan, Spittle, Daniel, Gomes, Abbott, Amos (Cradock 55), Clarke (Landell 79), Walker, Brown (Beckett 85). **Subs not used:** K Haynes, J Haynes.

Campbell settles it for Khalsa

Sporting Khalsa 3 Wolverhampton SC 1

KHALSA kick-started their West Midlands Premier campaign with a comfortable victory.

They controlled the game from the start, and Sam Whitehurst twice went through on goal only to miss both chances.

The deadlock was broken after just 10 minutes when Bradley Lawley scored from a Khalsa corner.

However, the visitors started to come into the game and equalised on the half-hour mark.

Khalsa regained the lead nine minutes later when Scott Sandland ran through the visitors' defence to complete a fine solo goal.

Khalsa settled the game in the 75th minute when Danny Campbell came off the bench to score the third.

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Murray mints it with three penalties

**Walsall Wood 3
Earlwood Town 2**

A HAT-TRICK of penalties by Michael Murray gave Walsall Wood the points. Murray's treble made it five successive victories for his side.

Wood had to fight back from behind twice to beat last season's bogey side Earlwood Town in the Midland Combination Premier clash.

The visitors took the lead on 27 minutes when the Wood defence misread a long clearance and Rees Hewitt capitalised.

The lead lasted only two minutes.

Danger man Corey Curriers cut inside the box only to be hacked down from behind.

Murray fired home the resulting penalty.

After 53 minutes, Briggs cleverly sprung the Wood offside trap before laying the ball back for O'Brien to put the visitors back in front.

Wood went looking for the equaliser and were awarded a second spot-kick for a handball in the box. Murray again converted.

Six minutes later, Oak Park history was made as Ahmet Bilgimer cleverly worked his way into the box from the right before being clipped from behind.

The referee had no hesitation in pointing to the spot and Murray took the chance of a rare hat-trick.

Clubs up for the new cup

YOUNG footballers have the chance to compete for a new cup.

The Stourbridge & District Youth and Girls League have launched a new open junior charity challenge cup competition for any boys and girls teams in the under-11 to under-15 age groups.

It has been authorised by the Birmingham County FA and fills the gap left by the demise of the South Staffs Charity Cup a few years ago.

League officials say that all the cup finals will be played on a prestigious ground.

They hope to attract teams from throughout the Midlands area.

All proceeds from the competition will go to charity.

Application forms can be obtained from Roger Smart, 18 Beakes Road, Smethwick, West Midlands, B67 5RU or downloaded from the league website at www.sdyfl.org



Jarryd Dunn - choice

Athlete not Dunn yet with world bid

WALSALL 400m runner Jarryd Dunn admits his biggest problem next season could be choosing which major competition to aim for after a fantastic summer.

The 20-year-old slashed nearly a second from his personal best.

His time of 46secs flat at the Aviva Olympic Trials in Birmingham lifted him to 11th in the UK rankings, narrowly missing out on selection for the European Championships and London 2012.

If he continues to improve at his current rate, the University of

Athletics

Wolverhampton student could find himself taking on the globe's top young sprinters at the World University Games in 2013, or the European Under-23 Championships.

And he has not ruled out the World Championships in Moscow in August, with relay and individual spots likely to be up for grabs in the GB squad.

"I am targeting the European Under-23 Championships initially,

but it may depend on what the qualification times are as it unfortunately clashes with the World University Games," said Dunn, a member of the Lloyds TSB Local Heroes programme.

"I haven't had a chance to sit down with my coach yet and decide which one I would go for.

"But if I do go to the European Under-23s I feel I have a good chance of getting a medal if I keep on improving as much as I have done this season. I would not rule out the World Championships in Moscow

either, as my personal best isn't too far off what I think the qualifying time will be."

The Birchfield Harrier from Brownhills and coach Keith Holt have also allowed their thoughts to turn to Rio in four years time after being inspired by the exploits of 2012 champion Kirani James.

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Lockmen defence is picked too easily

**Cradley Town 5
Willenhall Town 2**

WILLENHALL'S defensive frailties cost them dearly in this entertaining West Midlands Premier encounter with Cradley.

The home side had a good shout for a penalty turned down inside the first 30 seconds, and it was no surprise when ex-Willenhall player Sean Williams broke quickly down the left on 15 minutes and centred for Jason Barton to fire home.

On 22 minutes it was 2-0 to Cradley as a shocking back-pass from Josh Edwards fell yards short of debutant keeper Joe McErlen, allowing James Johnson an easy goal.

Willenhall had three half-chances but failed to convert them.

The Lockmen saw a 50th-minute free-kick hit the wall and the ball deflected to Cradley, who broke quickly before Barton headed down for Matt Bailey to net. Willenhall reduced the arrears on 52 minutes when a deep throw was allowed to bounce in the box for Jamel Fuller to hammer home. Willenhall pressure told when Craig Oldfield headed home a deep 67th-minute free-kick.

However, late goals from Chris Russel and fellow substitute Lewis Clarke, taking advantage of a bouncing ball, settled the match.

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BOSS IN TALKS WITH STAND-IN CHAMBERS

WALSALL boss Dean Smith is to hold further talks with James Chambers after the defender's emergency signing.

The former Albion player made his debut in Saturday's 3-0 defeat to Doncaster after the Saddlers swooped to plug their defensive gap.

Richard Taundry pulled out of the opening League One game with a thigh injury meaning Chambers, who has been training with Walsall, signed on non-contract terms to play.

And Smith will now speak to the 31-year-old, twin brother of Saddlers midfielder Adam, to try to thrash out a longer deal.

He said: "We'll still be negotiating with James this week. It's a non-contract at the moment and we'll see where we go with it.

"We signed him on Friday but it's only on a short-term deal.

"Richard had pulled out with a thigh strain so we needed him and he stepped up to the plate for us."

Chambers has been training with the Saddlers this summer after his release from Doncaster.

Smith is still looking to add to his ranks but admitted to being thwarted in his attempts.

"We are where we are. I'm looking to strengthen all the time," he said.

"It's not as if we haven't asked. It's not just whether they want to come but it's whether we can afford them and we've had knockbacks - but we're looking all the time.

"Everyone says I need a big centre-forward but I would have needed a 6ft 7in forward to play against their big centre-halves on Saturday. We're looking to get the ball down and play and we have a certain style with how we want to do things."

Pics clinch deal to keep sponsors on board



Rushall Olympic face the camera for the new season. Back, from left, Gary Fitzpatrick, Josh Craddock, Louis Keenan, Decio Gomes, Dave Walker, Kyle Haynes and Mitchell Tolley. Middle, Lucan Spittle, Leo Brown, Steve Palmer, Tom Burns, Chris Gemmell, Wayne Daniel, Steve Abbott, Michael Clarke and kit man Dave Harrison. Front, Andre Landell, Martyn Naylor, goalkeeping coach Paul Hayward, first team coach Ian Cooper, manager Neil Kitching, assistant manager Nick Amos, Jonny Haynes and Grant Beckett. With them are juniors Tom (left) and Danny Kitching. Picture: Steve Walker

RUSHALL OLYMPIC have clinched a deal to keep Sitescapes Ltd as the main club sponsor.

The Evo-Stik Northern Premier side will carry the firm's logo on their shirts for a fourth successive season.

Club vice-chairman Nick Allen praised John and Julie Dalton of the

Burntwood-based landscaping company.

"John and Julie have been far more than sponsors, they have become friends of the club and personally as well," he said.

"We thank them wholeheartedly for their ongoing support for the Pics."

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